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## **INDEPENDENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS SET TO EXCEL WITH P21 BOOST**

Long-awaited libraries, halls, classrooms, gymnasiums and early learning centres are among projects to be fast-tracked at 18 South Australian Independent primary schools thanks to the first round of the Federal Government's Primary Schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (P21) program.

The Association of Independent Schools of SA's Executive Director Garry Le Duff said P21 would help the schools speed the advance of educational excellence in their communities.

"Independent primary schools commend the Federal Government for its P21 initiative because it complements the substantial efforts of parents and school communities that pay the majority of building costs at their schools," said Mr Le Duff.

"Strong contributions from parents and school communities, coupled with well-planned building programs, mean that these primary schools are ready to start building right now and that is also an immediate boost for jobs and the economy in local communities."

Mr Le Duff said the 18 Independent schools would receive about 12 percent (\$38 million) of all funding provided to all schools in South Australia in the first round of P21. State schools would receive about 73 percent (\$228 million).

"We look forward to the next two rounds of the program," said Mr Le Duff.

"P21 is a smart investment in schools, communities, education and our next generation."

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### **SPECIAL NOTE**

**Media that would like to profile an individual Independent school, speak to the principal and look at how that school will spend its P21 funding may contact Garry Le Duff for details.**