



MEDIA STATEMENT

To News Editors and Chiefs of Staff
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SA INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS COMPLETE ALL BER PROJECTS

South Australian Independent schools have now completed all projects funded by the Building the Education Revolution infrastructure program.

Lobethal Lutheran School and Horizon Christian School (Kadina) will be the final Independent schools next week to officially open their new facilities.

The Association of Independent Schools of SA (AISSA) Executive Director, Garry Le Duff, said the achievement highlights Independent schools' swift and efficient use of approximately \$200 million of Building Education Revolution (BER) funds since 2009 "on time and on budget".

"All the BER funds have now been expended."

"This closes an impressive chapter for Independent schooling in this state," said Mr Le Duff.

"Independent schools, with the help of the Federal Government, have significantly improved the educational experience of thousands of South Australian school children."

South Australian Independent schools have led the nation on the swift and efficient use of BER funds.

"The readiness of these school communities was a key to their success and a common factor for success across all Independent schools," said Mr Le Duff.

"All Independent schools had complete control over their own projects, which, almost without exception, already were priorities on their master plans."

Lobethal Lutheran Primary will on Monday open its new special education and junior primary class rooms – part of a \$2 million BER-funded program which included a refurbished library and IT building.

Principal Craig Lieschke said: "We assessed the school's needs and now the younger students have more natural light and room to move – a much cheerier place to do their work".

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