

TREASURER TOM KOUTSANTONIS

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New schools for Adelaide's north and south

The State Government will build two new birth to year 12 schools in Adelaide's north and south in order to meet growing demand for public education.

The school in Adelaide's north will accommodate 1400 students, 100 special-school students and a 55-place children's centre. The school is likely to be located in the Munno Para region.

The school in Adelaide's south will accommodate 1400 students, 100 special-school students and a 55-place children's centre. The school is likely to be located within the Sellicks Beach-Aldinga region.

Both new schools will be built using a PPP (public, private partnership) process.

Work will now commence on finalising the sites and undertaking master planning for the new schools, which will be financed, designed, constructed and maintained by the private sector, allowing principals and staff to focus on teaching, learning and care.

Background

Today's announcement is in addition to the \$500 million the State Government invested in the 2016-17 State Budget for school upgrades.

This included \$250 million to upgrade and build new contemporary STEM facilities (science technology, engineering and mathematics) in government schools, with an additional \$250 million available through low-interest loans to non-government schools to fund infrastructure to improve school facilities.

Since 2002, the State Government has spent more than \$2.2 billion on school and early-years infrastructure.

Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis

Today's announcement further illustrates the demand for South Australia's public schools and is true testament to the priority the State Government places on public education.

These two new schools will be centres of educational excellence and have state-of-the-art facilities so children can learn in the best possible environments. They will also generate jobs for local businesses and trades people, and help stimulate the state's economy.

We are continuing to build a new generation of science and technology labs in our public schools to boost the number of students studying science, technology, engineering and maths to prepare them for our growing shipbuilding and defence industry.

We want our students to have the opportunity to live and work in South Australia, where they can be close to family and contribute to the state's prosperity.

Quotes attributable to Education and Child Development Minister Susan Close

It has been an exciting year for public education in South Australia. The benefits of the State Government's \$250 million STEM investment have been absolutely huge, and we expect the first STEM classroom at Brompton Primary School to open next month.

The State Government has also announced it will pay the utility costs of all 900 preschool, primary and high schools across the State. This is in addition to the \$15 million we are investing in installing solar panels and LED lighting to help reduce power costs.

It is more important than ever before that we invest in our schools to prepare children to be successful in a very different world to the one their grandparents grew up in.

This thinking is at the heart of the State Government's directions for education and child development in South Australia.

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