



Senator the Hon. Arthur Sinodinos AO
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Newcastle school to boost digital literacy skills

Callaghan College's Waratah and Wallsend campuses in Newcastle are set to see staff and students learning to design ecological housing using a Minecraft virtual reality platform as part of a nation-wide digital literacy program organised by the Turnbull Government.

Senator the Hon. Arthur Sinodinos AO today announced Callaghan College would receive \$50,000 across both campuses through the Digital Literacy School Grants Program.

"This is about making sure our students get the support and skills they need for the future," Senator Sinodinos said.

"Congratulations to the Callaghan College campuses which have been selected from almost 1800 applications for this funding which goes to show the potential of their projects.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how this project helps Callaghan College's campuses build the digital skills of their students and spark an interest in important fields like science, technology, engineering and mathematics."

Senator Sinodinos said \$4 million had been allocated to the program as part of the Turnbull Government's \$50.6 million commitment to help Australian teachers and students embrace the digital age.

"It is great to see local schools engaging with cutting edge technology and ensuring our students are well-equipped for the future," Senator Sinodinos said.

"I encourage all Newcastle schools that missed out on this round of funding to apply for the next round which opens in the middle of this year.

"We're committed to ensuring that each student, no matter where they live in Australia, has a strong knowledge of STEM.

"I am delighted that schools right here in Newcastle are being empowered to teach technology in a truly modern way, often applying what they are learning in the classroom to overcome challenges in the community," Senator Sinodinos said.

For more information visit: www.education.gov.au/digital-literacy-school-grants-dlsg.

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