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NEW GENERAL AND SPECIALIST LEARNING AREAS FOR ST BRIGID'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO today officially opened the newly constructed facilities at St Brigid's Catholic College in Lake Munmorah.

Students and staff at St Brigid's Catholic College now have full use of the new administration building consisting of offices, a staffroom and a general classroom and a second building that houses a technological and applied studies woodwork workshop, a junior kitchen, open learning areas and breakout spaces. The Australian Government provided \$3.5 million in funding from the Capital Grants Programme.

Senator Sinodinos attended the opening on behalf of Senator the Hon Scott Ryan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training.

"I was pleased to visit St Brigid's Catholic College and see firsthand the new facilities," Senator Sinodinos said.

"Students and the whole school community will benefit from using these new facilities."

"These new learning spaces take into account the latest in education research and will see students learn more effectively," Senator Sinodinos said.

The Australian Government is contributing a record \$69.5 billion to government, independent and Catholic schools over the budget and forward estimates – this represents a \$4.1 billion, or 27.9 per cent, increase between 2014-15 and 2018-19.

As well as delivering increased funding, the Australian Government is focussing on quality and choice for schools.

"While buildings alone do not make a great school, I hope students and staff will enjoy learning and be inspired by these new facilities," Senator Ryan said.

"The Australian Government is committed to improving the quality of our schools and equipping students with the skills they need to succeed in an increasingly competitive world," Senator Ryan said.

Senator Ryan is responsible for the Capital Grants Programme, which provides funding for non-government schools to improve capital infrastructure where they otherwise may not have access to sufficient capital resources.

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