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Over \$12 million for secondary schools Denison

Duncan Kerr SC MP today announced that under the first stage seven local secondary schools in Denison will receive \$12,631,908 million to build new or refurbished science laboratories and language centres or dual facilities under the *Science and Language Centres for 21st Century Secondary Schools* (SLC) element of the Building the Education Revolution (BER).

Mr Kerr today announced Rosetta High School would be one of the seven successful Denison schools and joined Graham Speight, Principal of Rosetta High School, to see where the new Science and Language Centre would be developed.

"It is wonderful to see our local schools and our local community benefit from the Government's huge investment in much needed new school buildings," Mr Kerr said.

Projects under SLC will provide schools with access to modern facilities with leading edge technologies in their own learning spaces. Construction of these projects will commence quickly, providing immediate support for jobs.

"Today's announcement is another big step in delivering the Building the Education Revolution, a key element of the Government's \$42 billion Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan," Mr Kerr said.

"By investing in our local schools, the Rudd Government is helping to keep local contractors, tradies, truck drivers and small businesses working during these difficult days."

The Rudd Government is undertaking the largest school modernisation program in Australia's history to support local jobs, stimulate every local economy and invest in important long-term infrastructure.

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) is working with education authorities in relation to a number of other applications from schools which are yet to be finalise the costings for their projects. A further announcement will be made when this process has been completed.

A full list of successful schools and their planned projects are available at: www.buildingtheeducationrevolution.gov.au or at: www.economicstimulusplan.gov.au

A list of successful Denison schools is attached.

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School	Project	Funding amount
Cosgrove High	New language learning centre	\$1,210,000
Dominic College	Combined science and language centre	\$1,970,000
Elizabeth College	Science upgrade	\$1,889,202
New Town High	Science and language upgrade	\$1,734,856
Rosetta High	New science and language centre	\$1,970,000
St Mary's College	Women in science centre	\$1,970,000
Taroona High	Science and language centre	\$1,887,850