



# Robyn Preston MP

## Member for Hawkesbury

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### ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE TO BENEFIT HAWKESBURY SCHOOLS

The NSW Government's \$240 million Regional and Metro Renewal Programs are forging ahead with the next round of projects to improve school infrastructure underway.

A number of Hawkesbury schools will directly benefit, including sport and playground upgrades at **Windsor Public School** and **Kurrajong East Public School**; Toilet facility upgrades to **Bligh Park Public School** and **Windsor Park Public School**; Canteen & Kitchen facility upgrades at **Glossodia Public School**, **Freemans Reach Public School** and **Brewongle Environmental Education Centre**; a computer room upgrade for **Oakville Public School**, and various other upgrades for staff and student amenities at **Hobartville Public School**, **Hillside Public School** and **Glenorie Public School**.

The Regional and Metro Renewal Programs have so far delivered 206 upgrades at 202 schools across the state, and now thanks to tranche 3 a further 57 schools will benefit.

Member for Hawkesbury Robyn Preston said the Renewal Program is an important stimulus package that helps business and local communities recover from the pandemic while benefitting students.

"Eleven Hawkesbury schools will be getting a variety of improvements to toilets, kitchens, staffrooms, playgrounds and computer facilities."

"This not only provides schools with the projects they want but it supports our tradies with opportunities to tender or contract for the work."

The program has delivered more than 136 projects for regional schools including 12 sporting courts, 14 upgrades to bathrooms and four upgrades to libraries.

In metro areas the program has already delivered 70 projects to metro schools including 10 upgrades to bathrooms, 27 outdoor learning and play area upgrades and 10 new COLAs, walkways and shade structures.

“State-wide, these investments in schools are benefiting hundreds of businesses and will support more than 2,600 jobs” Ms Preston said.

“All the projects have been put forward by the schools, and the program allows these important works to go out to tender immediately.”

To date, 200 projects have been delivered through the renewal programs supporting more than 2,600 jobs across regional and metro NSW. Wherever possible, schools use local contractors and suppliers ensuring the positive impacts of this stimulus are felt as far and wide as possible.

The NSW Government is investing \$7.9 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 215 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

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