Leanyer: Latest School to be Upgraded

A Darwin company has been awarded the contract for a $2 million upgrade of facilities at Leanyer Primary School.

The Education Minister Paul Henderson said North West Constructions will begin work next week on a four-classroom block, an upgrade to the Assembly area, a new drop-off zone and visitor car parking area.

“This is about building better schools, supporting our students and creating local jobs,” Mr Henderson said.

“North West expects to support 60 workers directly and indirectly through the project, keeping work in the Territory and supporting our economy.”

The work is expected to be finished by the end of September.

Mr Henderson said the upgrade at Leanyer Primary School is part of the Territory Government’s record investment of $246 million to build new schools and improve existing facilities over this term of office.

“Territory schools are also eligible for a share of up to $200 million in funding from the Rudd Government’s $42 billion economic stimulus package,” Mr Henderson said.

“Under the package, every primary school in the Territory will receive a major infrastructure upgrade.

“That could mean an assembly hall or library up to the value of $3 million, as well as small-scale infrastructure or refurbishments up to $200,000.”

Leanyer is one of six urban primary schools to receive $9.5 million in Northern Territory Government infrastructure upgrades this year:

Ross Park Primary School

Alice Springs contractor As Build is working on a $2 million upgrade that will provide:

- A new, double, multi-purpose classroom block
- A major upgrade of the adjacent existing northern classroom block to provide larger, more flexible learning spaces
- A covered, open learning space integrated with the new and upgraded teaching facilities.
• The new and upgraded classrooms will also have updated IT facilities, including a wireless network for laptop computers and interactive whiteboards.

Malak Primary School

• A $1 million upgrade of the Malak Primary School assembly area is expected to start later this month.
• The innovative design uses a combination of louvres and mechanical ventilation to provide a hybrid cooling system.
• This design approach offers the advantages of lower running costs, combined with the ability to quickly adjust comfort levels appropriate to the conditions.
• The assembly area will also feature upgraded stage and house lighting and integrated data projection.

Jingili Primary School

• This project includes a $500,000 upgrade to the school’s drop off zone and car park to improve student safety.
• The new facilities will provide a safe all-weather parent drop-off area within the school grounds, and additional car parking for parents and visitors.
• The tender for this project closes later this month.

Alawa Primary School

• Tenders will be advertised this month for a $2 million upgrade of Alawa Primary School.
• This second stage of redevelopment will provide the school with an Early Years precinct, including an integrated preschool.

Nakara Primary School

• Tenders will be advertised for a $2 million upgrade of the Nakara Primary School.
• This second stage of redevelopment will provide a new multi-purpose room, upgrade of early childhood classrooms and upgrade of the preschool building.

Over the next four years, 74 Northern Territory Government schools and large group schools will receive $300,000 to undertake upgrades.

There will also be major investments in infrastructure over the next four years at:

• Casuarina Secondary College - $5 million
• Dripstone Middle School - $3 million
• Tennant Creek High School - $3 million
• Sanderson Middle School - $1 million
• Convert Homeland Centres to schools - $6 million
• Yirrkala CEC - $1.55 million
• Ngukurr CEC - $1.45 million
• Ramingining CEC - $1.45 million
• Maningrida CEC - $1.5 million
• Kalkarindji CEC - $1.5 million
• Shepherdson College at Galiwin'ku - $1.25 million
• Gunbulunya CEC - $1.25 million
• Gapuwiyak CEC - $1.25 million
• Angurugu CEC - $1.25 million
• Numbulwar CEC - $1.25 million
• Yuendumu CEC - $1.25 million
• Milingimbi CEC - $1.25 million
• Lajamanu CEC - $1.25 million

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