Multi-million Dollar Upgrades for Territory Schools

Fifty Territory schools are set to receive nearly $77 million dollars in upgrades and new infrastructure for libraries, multi-purpose halls and classrooms as part of the next stage in the Federal Government’s *Building the Education Revolution* economic stimulus plan.

The Northern Territory Education Minister Paul Henderson said the extra funding is on top of $74 million provided to 37 schools in May.

“This is a huge investment to improve Territory schools, improve the quality of education and invest in our economy,” Mr Henderson said.

“Every public and private Territory primary school will receive up to $3 million under the plan, ensuring our schools can meet the needs of the 21st century.

“The funding will also deliver a significant economic stimulus that will benefit our economy and support jobs during the global recession.”

The $14.7 billion *Building the Education Revolution* plan is made up of three elements:

- the **maintenance, renewal of school buildings and minor building works**. The first round was announced in April and delivered $13 million in work to 121 Northern Territory schools.

- the current $77 million funding is the second round of funding to **build or upgrade libraries, multi-purpose halls and classrooms**. The first round delivered $74 million to 37 Territory schools in May.

- the **building of about 500 new science laboratories and language learning centres** in high schools across the country. Funding details will be announced later this year.
Building the Education Revolution is a key element of the Federal Government’s $42 billion Nation Building and Jobs Plan to support up to 90,000 Australian jobs over the next two years.

The Territory will also benefit from the other measures in the plan including road maintenance, energy efficiency for houses, public and defence housing and one-off bonus payments for Territorians.

* A full list of the Territory schools to receive funding is attached.

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