



**Senator Hollie Hughes**  
Patron Senator for the Hunter Region

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**New facilities for students in the Hunter Region**

**Patron Senator for the Hunter Region, Hollie Hughes** today has announced funding for three schools in the Hunter Region as part of the **Morrison Government's Capital Grants Program**.

"Students and teachers thrive when their schools have modern and up-to-date facilities. That's why the Morrison Government is proud of the Capital Grants Program, which has helped thousands of schools across the nation to build new and updated infrastructure.

"Our Government is ensuring that every child gets a high-quality education no matter where they go to school. We are providing a record \$315.2 billion for all Australian schools between 2018 and 2029.

We are delivering real, needs-based funding that is matched by national reforms that will drive better results and outcomes, as recommended by David Gonski in the Review to Achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools," said Senator Hughes.

The successful projects are:

School	Project	Commonwealth Funding
<b>ALESCO Senior College</b> - North Lakes (Newcastle)	Refurbishment of a building to provide three flexible Learning Areas, additional amenities, development of an outdoor breakout area.	\$275,000
<b>St Philip's Christian College</b> – Salamander Bay (Paterson)	Construction of a building comprising seven general learning areas, a science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics room, learning support areas, administration and staff amenities.	\$900,000
<b>St Brigid's Catholic College</b> – Lake Munmorah (Shortland)	Removal of temporary learning spaces. Construction of multipurpose hall, kitchenette, storage and change rooms, and construction of music learning areas, music practice and instrument storage rooms.	\$1,780,300

Senator Hughes said, "I sincerely congratulate all schools on their successful grant applications and look forward to seeing the positive impact these new facilities will have on the school community."

More information about the Capital Grants Program can be found at <https://www.dese.gov.au/payments-and-grants-schools/capital-grants-non-government-schools>.

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