



Senator The Hon Scott Ryan
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education

Mr Jason Wood MP
Federal Member for La Trobe



Jason Wood MP discussing the opening of the DATS Building with students from St. Francis Xavier College.

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\$8.5 Million School Facilities Opened

Students and staff at St Francis Xavier College, Officer Campus, in Victoria today celebrated the opening of the Design, Arts, Technology and Science (DATS) Building that was built with the help of \$2.5 million in Australian Government funding.

Mr Jason Wood MP opened the new facilities on behalf of Senator the Hon Scott Ryan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education.

The project, totalling \$8.5 million, was funded through a \$2.5 million Australian Government grant, and by a \$6 million contribution from the St Francis Xavier College.

The project involved the construction of the Design, Arts, Technology and Science (DATS) Building with work on the sports-fields and hard-courts and landscaping also completed at the same time.

Mr Wood said the new facilities are an important part of ensuring that students get a great education.

‘The Government believes in an education system that puts students first. We are committed to building a world-class education system that will equip all Australian students with the skills they need to succeed in an increasingly competitive world.’

‘These new facilities here at the St Francis Xavier College, Officer Campus, show exactly what can be achieved by a school with strong leadership and a clear vision for the future.’

‘This is much more than just a financial commitment. This is a commitment to getting the very best out of each and every one of the students here today.’

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