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New Primary School Takes Shape with \$4.6 Million Project

Students and staff at St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Primary School today celebrated the opening of the general learning areas and administration facilities, built with the help of \$1.8 million in Australian Government funding.

Member for La Trobe, Mr Jason Wood MP, opened the buildings on behalf of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Senator the Hon Scott Ryan.

The \$4.6 million project was funded through a \$1.8 million Australian Government grant, and by a \$2.8 million contribution from the St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Primary School community.

The project involved the construction of Stage One works for a new primary school, including general learning areas, an administration block and external works.

Mr Wood said the Stage One works completion will ensure students at St Thomas the Apostle continue to receive a great education.

“The Government believes in an education system that puts students first. We are committed to helping equip all Australian students with the skills they need to succeed in an increasingly competitive world by creating the best possible learning environments,” Mr Wood said.

“Everyone who worked so hard to complete this crucial first stage has shown exactly what can be achieved by a school with strong leadership and a clear vision for the future.”

Australian Government funding was provided through the Capital Grants Programme.

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