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Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training  
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Federal Member for La Trobe

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### **NEW FACILITY FOR ST BRIGID'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Mr Jason Wood MP today officially opened a new facility at St Brigid's Catholic Primary School in Officer.

Students and staff at St Brigid's Catholic Primary School now have full use of a new general learning centre which consists of five classrooms, an external amphitheatre and a multi-purpose room including a Chapel. The Australian Government provided \$1,800,000 in funding from the Capital Grants Programme.

Mr Jason Wood MP attended the opening on behalf of Senator the Hon Scott Ryan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training.

"I was pleased to visit St Brigid's Catholic Primary School and see firsthand the new facilities," Mr Wood said.

"Students and the whole school community will benefit from using the new facilities."

"These new learning spaces take into account the latest in education research and will see students learn more effectively," Mr Wood said.

Over the next four years, the Australian Government is contributing a record \$65.4 billion to government, independent and Catholic schools – a \$4.0 billion, or 29 per cent, increase from 2014-2017.

As well as delivering increased funding, the Australian Government is focussing on quality and choice for schools.

"While buildings alone do not make a great school, I hope students and staff will enjoy learning and be inspired by these new facilities," Senator Ryan said.

"The Australian Government is committed to improving the quality of our schools and equipping students with the skills they need to succeed in an increasingly competitive world," Senator Ryan said.

Senator Ryan is responsible for the Capital Grants Programme, which provides funding for non-government schools to improve capital infrastructure where they otherwise may not have access to sufficient capital resources.

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