



**SENATOR THE HON SCOTT RYAN  
PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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**NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL CENTRE FOR BELGRAVE HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

Mr Jason Wood MP today officially opened the new Middle School Centre at Belgrave Heights Christian School in Belgrave Heights.

Students and staff at Belgrave Heights Christian School now have full use of six newly constructed classrooms, a meeting area, a small group area, a staff room, a music room and student amenities. The Australian Government provided \$250,000 in funding from the Capital Grants Programme.

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

“It was great to visit Belgrave Heights Christian School and see firsthand the new Middle School Centre,” Mr Wood said.

“Students and the whole school community in Belgrave Heights 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.

The Australian Government is contributing a record \$69.5 billion to government, independent and Catholic schools over the budget and forward estimates – this represents a \$4.1 billion, or 27.9 per cent, increase between 2014-15 and 2018-19.

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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