



## **The Hon Andrew Gee MP**

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Member for Calare

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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#### **New facilities for students at Scots All Saints College**

Member for Calare Andrew Gee today announced Scots All Saints College (SASC), All Saints Campus will benefit from new science laboratories and covered outdoor learning area thanks to a Coalition Government grant.

Mr Gee said the Australian Government would provide \$700,000 towards the project at Scots All Saints College, All Saints Campus through the Capital Grants Program, which provides funding for non-government schools to improve capital infrastructure.

“There are very exciting things happening at Scots All Saints College,” Mr Gee said.

“The future is extraordinarily bright and this grant will add to the strong momentum that’s been building under Head of College, Mr John Weeks.

“Students and staff at Scots All Saints College, All Saints Campus would benefit from the refurbishment of two existing buildings to create six innovation labs specifically focused on the teaching of STEM based curriculum and construction of a large covered outdoor learning area,” Mr Gee said.

“Scots All Saints College has a wonderful school community, and the new facilities will further enhance the learning environment.

“Students and teachers thrive when their schools have modern and up-to-date facilities – that’s why we are proud of the Capital Grants Program - it has benefited thousands of schools across the nation.

“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 his Review to Achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools.

“I congratulate Scots All Saints College on their successful grant application and look forward to seeing the positive impact the new facilities will have on students and our community.”

Head of Scots All Saints College, Mr John Weeks said the school is delighted to receive this Capital Works Funding Grant from the Federal Government and local member, Mr Andrew Gee.

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“This is a significant contribution towards the development of our new Innovation STEM Centre which will enable our students to immerse in experiences that combine and accelerate learning in STEM, Design, Technology, Nature, Growth and the Environment to build skills and knowledge to apply them to real-world problems,” Mr Weeks said.

“The new Innovation Centre as the first of its kind in a school setting within regional NSW providing effective tools and training to transform education, bringing transdisciplinary problem-based learning into classrooms from a very young age.

“The Scots All Saints Innovation Centre brings world’s best practice in education to regional NSW, enabling our students to work collaboratively and develop knowledge to propel them into network pathways and long-term, future success as the next generation of community leaders,” Mr Weeks said.

“Research shows the new basic skills needed by young people to engage in a complex world and navigate the challenges they will inherit are problem-solving, communication skills, digital learning, teamwork, critical thinking, creatively and financial literacy.

“Other schools are doing this around the world, and we are pleased that our students will have a dedicated cutting-edge Innovation Centre and teachers who will have professional development to focus on skills needed beyond the 21st century,” Mr Weeks concluded.

Schools that want to learn more about the Capital Grants Program can visit <https://www.education.gov.au/capital-grants-non-government-schools>.

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