NSW JOBS FLOW FROM HISTORIC SCHOOLS SPEND

Minister for Education and Training, Verity Firth, has announced the first round of the Commonwealth government’s National School Pride maintenance program will create around 1,000 jobs across NSW.

National School Pride is the first phase of economic stimulus spending in NSW schools as part of the $4.9 billion Building the Education Revolution program.

Ms Firth said the $178 million investment means that 1,334 NSW government schools would receive improvements such as new carpets, fresh painting and playground upgrades.

“The Commonwealth is also funding around $100 million worth of maintenance for 1,148 non-government schools,” said Ms Firth.

“This is the first round, of the first federal education infrastructure program that is being delivered by the NSW government– 1,000 jobs is just a taste of what’s to come.

“We’ll begin rolling this program out in our schools from Monday.

“We want to create and protect local jobs as part of this stimulus spending.

“To help connect people in the construction industry who are interested in being part of this program, the NSW Department of Education and Training has set up a website where contractors, tradespeople and suppliers can register their details.

“I would encourage all interested parties to visit the department’s website as soon as possible,” said Ms Firth.

Ms Firth said that the injection of federal money was on top of the NSW Government’s own record breaking public education funding.

“In NSW we are already spending more than $2 billion over four years to deliver the largest public education and training capital works program ever undertaken in the State," she said.

“Maintenance works being funded under the federal National School Pride program might not be particularly glamorous, but they are important to the everyday life of NSW schools.”

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