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MINISTER OFFICIALLY OPENS $6.2 MILLION FACILITIES AT WILLIAM ROSE SCHOOL

Assistant Minister for Education Victor Dominello today officially opened William Rose School’s new $6.2 million learning facilities.

Mr Dominello said the project means William Rose School, located in Seven Hills, can remain at the cutting edge of educational provision for its 64 students from Kindergarten to Year 12 with complex learning needs.

“This is a significant project which has enabled demountable buildings to be replaced with new permanent facilities and the construction of three new blocks, including three purpose-built classrooms, a library and a new staffroom,” Mr Dominello said.

“An extra two classrooms have been created by converting the existing library and covered walkways, paths and access ramps have also been built as part of the project. Students will also have access to new play areas, a sensory garden, and specialised play equipment.”

Mr Dominello said William Rose School caters for students with vision impairment, hearing impairment, physical and intellectual disabilities, autism and students who are deaf blind with sensory and multiple disabilities.

“The William Rose School community works tirelessly to maintain a learning environment that is tailored to support the unique needs of each student and enables them to reach their potential at school.

“Students are taught to be successful learners in their own way, to build confidence and to become creative individuals. The school’s ethos is built around developing each student’s sense of self-worth, self-awareness and personal identity,” Mr Dominello said.

Education Minister Adrian Piccoli said William Rose School is one of 19 Schools for Specific Purposes upgraded by the NSW Government using $94 million of residual Federal Government Building the Education Revolution (BER) funding.

“Students at William Rose School will now have new specifically designed classrooms that will cater for their individual needs.

“Each classroom has an individualised learning space, break-out zones, toilets, kitchen and creative arts areas, integrated play and therapy spaces.

“The outdoor learning spaces give students a safe environment where they can test themselves and go beyond what they previously may have thought they could.

“The new library provides additional learning opportunities and staff now have great spaces to work and share their professional learning in their new staffroom,” Mr Piccoli said.