Students and teachers in NSW government schools will benefit from a major investment in capital works across the state this year totalling over $420 million.

The commitment to providing the best possible learning environments will be reflected in everything from the building of brand new schools and major upgrades, to extensive minor works across hundreds of schools.

Five major capital work projects with an anticipated total value of $42 million are being undertaken during the 2013/14 school holidays and are scheduled to be complete for day one of the new school year.

Minor capital works projects with a value of almost $20 million have also commenced at 93 schools over the holiday break.

Three new schools are opening in 2014:
- Marie Bashir Public School in Strathfield
- Oran Park Public School
- George Bass School (SSP) in Bass Hill

Major capital works approved or in progress for 2013/14 have a value of more than $358 million, including three new schools:
- A primary school at Spring Farm
- A primary school at The Ponds
- A new primary school in Sydney’s Lower North Shore.

Five major new building projects covering facilities at seven schools will also commence. These new projects will occur in:
- Mowbray Public School
- Rutherford High School
- Yeoval Central School
- The relocation of Parry School for Specific Purposes
- The Northern Sydney Primary Schools upgrade which is providing new classrooms at Chatswood, Artarmon, and Lane Cove West Public Schools.

A new $35 million capital investment and maintenance program has begun to improve facilities in some of the state’s most disadvantaged rural and remote schools. The program will be delivered over four years, and includes substantial rebuilds and refurbishments at three Connected Communities schools, and maintenance and minor capital works in another 13 schools.

Further support for students with disabilities has been budgeted for integration works at 136 schools totalling more than $25 million for 2013/14. The projects range from the refurbishment of classrooms and installation of lifts and ramps, to other access improvements, handrails and hearing loops in halls.

173 schools will benefit from joint funding between the State Government and local school communities for projects including new covered outdoor learning areas, upgrades to canteens, sports courts and administration areas, and new covered walkways.

Minor capital works at a cost of $204 million are being provided in schools across NSW. Works include new science laboratories, new permanent classrooms and upgraded toilet facilities.

In 2013/14, schools are benefitting from $320 million allocated for maintenance of NSW government schools. This includes Public School Upgrade Program funding of over $10 million for 182 projects in 166 schools.

Work is continuing on the $94 million program to upgrade 19 School for Specific Purposes, with residual BER funds, which cater to students with the most complex needs. Upgrade projects are now complete in 10 schools, while the remainder are well underway and are expected to be completed early in 2014.