

**MAIDA VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*Statement by Member for Forrestfield*

**MR N.W. MORTON (Forrestfield)** [12.51 pm]: On 5 March 2015, I attended the opening of the new facilities at Maida Vale Primary School with the Minister for Education, Hon Peter Collier, MLC, and my eastern metropolitan region colleague, Hon Alyssa Hayden, MLC. Since my time as a candidate for the seat of Forrestfield, I have been aware that the facilities at the school were outdated. That is why I was thrilled when \$5.5 million was allocated to upgrade Maida Vale Primary School. The multimillion-dollar investment is part of an election promise to deliver high-quality facilities for this local primary school and all schools in my electorate. Maida Vale Primary School is a great school; however, facilities were tired and old. The boost in funding to provide state-of-the-art facilities complements the great work staff and students are already achieving. It has been pleasing to drive past the school over the construction period and see that the process is well underway. The new facilities will provide the students an up-to-date learning environment with a four-room cluster with the capacity for a central bank of computers. The new canteen will provide the students with fresh food choices, and the parents and citizens association plans to use the area to prepare food from fresh ingredients rather than reheating purchased food; this aligns with the direction the school board is taking the school. The new administration building and car park will provide a fresher first impression of the school to the community, and will make a clear statement to potential new families enrolling at the school. May I take this opportunity to congratulate the principal, Darren Greaves, and his wonderful team at Maida Vale Primary School on the excellent work they are doing. I wish them every success for the rest of the 2015 school year.