

SCHOOL UPGRADES — MURRAY–WELLINGTON ELECTORATE

Statement by Member for Murray–Wellington

MRS R.M.J. CLARKE (Murray–Wellington) [12.55 pm]: I would like to take the opportunity to express excitement and gratitude on behalf of Pinjarra Senior High School, the Pinjarra community and surrounds. In July this year, I had the honour, alongside Premier Mark McGowan, to announce that \$10.4 million will be allocated to Pinjarra Senior High School to build a new performing arts centre and sports hall. One of the oldest schools in the Peel region went without these facilities, hindering the development of students in arts and sports. I have been advocating for Pinjarra Senior High School since I was first elected and have been overwhelmed by the support from the wider community and the Shire of Murray to see this project move forward. Next year, the school celebrates its centenary year, and the new building will be a great present for the school, the community and the next generation of students coming through the gates.

I would also like to highlight some of the other schools in the Murray–Wellington electorate that have recently announced that they will receive upgrades to help with the students' developments. Kingston Primary School in Australind will receive \$2.5 million for a new student classroom block that will enhance facilities and replace transportable classrooms. Harvey Senior High School will receive \$1.2 million for upgrades to the cafeteria and to build specialist classrooms. Although it is not in my electorate, Australind Senior High School, which many students in Murray–Wellington either attend or will attend in the future, will receive \$15 million for a new classroom block to enable and manage its students' growth, including specialist classrooms. These are great examples of the McGowan government putting education and students first in our regions.