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Media Statement

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Construction underway in Armadale

Gwynne Park Primary School is the second public primary school in the State to start construction as part of the largest school infrastructure program ever undertaken in Western Australia.

Work to lay the pad for a new \$750,000 library and \$1.7 million covered assembly area with canteen, music room and art room is now underway.

Gwynne Park Primary School Principal Acting Peter Elstemann said students at the school would benefit greatly from the new facilities.

“There is a great deal of building going on in Brookdale and we are anticipating an increase in enrolments in the next three to five years, so the new facilities will accommodate the growth of our school,” he said.

“Our current art and music rooms are small so the new facilities will allow a wider range of activities and really boost the school’s arts program.

“Gwynne Park Primary School has a very good reputation for its music and dance programs and we are keen to continue our participation in the Wakakirri competition and Dale Music Fest each year.

“The school’s ICT area is currently in our library so it’s very congested and difficult to teach two classes in the same room.

“A new library will allow us to separate these facilities and create a dedicated building for research, reading and library studies.”

The school’s ICT facilities will remain in the existing library, while the future uses for current art and music rooms is yet to be confirmed but could include housing teacher resources and a staff meeting and preparation area.

In WA public primary schools, \$1.06 billion is being spent on large scale infrastructure, such as libraries, early childhood centres, classrooms and covered assembly areas, as part of the Primary Schools for the 21st Century (P21) element of the Building the Education Revolution.

Building the Education Revolution is in turn part of the Australian Government’s Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan.

Western Australia’s Department of Education and Training will spend an additional \$300 million to build 14 new schools over the next six years and an extra \$50 million on a four-year school capital improvements program for WA schools.

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Note: a photograph can be arranged at the school on request.

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