



STUART GRIMLEY MP

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A Win for Warracknabeal Education

Stuart Grimley MP has warmly welcomed the announcement of \$19.8m of funding to complete the final stages of the Warracknabeal Education Precinct.

After campaigning alongside parents of Warracknabeal students and the #FinishWhatYouStarted group for over a year, Mr Grimley is “ecstatic” that works will begin on the final stages of the Education Precinct and looks forward to seeing the doors open in 2022.

Mr Grimley had met with Education Minister James Merlino in 2019 on behalf of the school community to advocate for the Stage 2 to be finished as a matter of urgency, with many of the previously funded works unable to be used without future stages being completed.

Mr Grimley said the Warracknabeal Education Precinct has been “the epitome of political neglect over the past decade and a half by both sides”.

During discussions with the Minister in September last year it was made clear that there would be no further funding this financial year but with extensive pressure from Mr Grimley and the #FinishWhatYouStarted group, this has been prioritised as part of a state-wide building blitz.

Principals from the Warracknabeal Secondary College (WSC), Primary School (WPS) and Special Development School (SDS) had been planning to bring the three schools into one precinct since before 2003 to reduce costs and allow a greater number of students access to modern facilities.

Currently only 30% of SDS, 40% of WSC and 50% of Administration buildings have been completed, leaving the Secondary College students unable to use their science lab and other senior school specialist spaces.

Quotes Attributable to Stuart Grimley MP:

In 2019 Mr Grimley said “It shouldn’t matter whether you attend a public or private school; every child should be able to learn in a safe environment. The same goes for rural versus metropolitan.

We shouldn’t be playing politics with our children’s future, especially their learning.”

A full statement of Mr Grimley’s current comments can be viewed [here](#).

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