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MEMBER FOR MURRAY



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LOCAL SCHOOLS TO BE AIR CONDITIONED UNDER COOLER CLASSROOMS FUND

Member for Murray Austin Evans has today announced the first schools to receive air conditioning under its Cooler Classrooms program, with 60 schools in the Murray electorate set to benefit.

Mr Evans said he was thrilled that so many schools across our electorate will benefit from the program.

“We live in a very hot part of the state and it’s extremely important that our children and teachers can engage together in a comfortable classroom environment,” Mr Evans said.

“I’ve spoken to many people across our vast electorate who have stressed the importance of air conditioning in our classrooms, so I’m thrilled that our electorate is a big winner in the program.

“The Cooler Classrooms Fund is part of the NSW Government’s continued commitment to providing environments where our students and teachers can best succeed”.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Education Minister Rob Stokes said more than 900 schools would be the first to receive funding under the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government’s record \$500 million program – the largest investment of its kind in NSW history.

“We’re thrilled to be delivering on our commitment to provide healthy learning environments in which our students and teachers can thrive, no matter the weather,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“Delivering air conditioning to more schools than ever before is only possible due to the strong economic management of the Liberals & Nationals Government.”

Schools in areas like the Murray electorate – that have an average maximum January temperature of 30 degrees or more – will now automatically receive air conditioning in their classrooms and libraries, while all other schools can apply for funding under the Cooler Classrooms Fund on a needs basis. Previously only schools with an average maximum January temperature of 33 degrees or more were air conditioned.

The first round of applications took place throughout Term 3 this year. A second round will open in the new year.



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Mr Stokes said, unlike Labor's plans, the NSW Liberals & Nationals' Cooler Classrooms program was both economically and environmentally sustainable.

"We're installing solar panels and 'smart systems' alongside the air conditioning units, so schools can offset their additional energy use and efficiently heat and cool their schools," he said.

In addition to the hundreds of schools benefiting under the Cooler Classrooms program, air conditioning will be delivered in all new and upgraded schools under the Government's record \$6 billion school building program over the next four years.

"Every one of our 170 new and upgraded schools, including more than 2000 new classrooms, will also receive the new sustainable air conditioning systems," Mr Stokes said.

The long list of schools that will have their classrooms and libraries air conditioned under round one in Murray are:

Balranald Central School BALRANALD Murray
Barham High School BARHAM Murray
Barham Public School BARHAM Murray
Barooga Public School BAROOGA Murray
Beelbangera Public School BEELBANGERA Murray
Berrigan Public School BERRIGAN Murray
Blighty Public School BLIGHTY Murray
Booligal Public School BOOLIGAL Murray
Bunnaloo Public School BUNNALOO Murray
Buronga Public School BURONGA Murray
Carrathool Public School CARRATHOOL Murray
Clare Public School CLARE Murray
Coleambally Central School COLEAMBALLY Murray
Conargo Public School CONARGO Murray
Coomella High School COOMEALLA Murray
Dareton Public School DARETON Murray
Darlington Point Public School DARLINGTON POINT Murray
Deniliquin High School DENILIKUIN Murray
Deniliquin North Public School DENILIKUIN Murray
Deniliquin South Public School DENILIKUIN Murray
Edward Public School DENILIKUIN Murray
Euston Public School EUSTON Murray
Finley High School FINLEY Murray
Finley Public School FINLEY Murray
Gol Gol Public School GOL GOL Murray
Goolgowi Public School GOOLGOWI Murray
Gralee School LEETON Murray
Griffith East Public School GRIFFITH Murray



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Griffith High School GRIFFITH Murray
Griffith North Public School GRIFFITH Murray
Griffith Public School GRIFFITH Murray
Hanwood Public School HANWOOD Murray
Hay Public School HAY Murray
Hay War Memorial High School HAY Murray
Hillston Central School HILLSTON Murray
Kalinda School GRIFFITH Murray
Lake Wyangan Public School LAKE WYANGAN Murray
Leeton High School LEETON Murray
Leeton Public School LEETON Murray
Mathoura Public School MATHOURA Murray
Mayrung Public School MAYRUNG Murray
Moama Public School MOAMA Murray
Moulamein Public School MOULAMEIN Murray
Palinyewah Public School ELLERSLIE Murray
Parkview Public School LEETON Murray
Pomona Public School POMONA Murray
Pooncarie Public School POONCARIE Murray
Rankins Springs Public School RANKINS SPRINGS Murray
Tharbogang Public School THARBOGANG Murray
Tocumwal Public School TOCUMWAL Murray
Tooleybuc Central School TOOLEYBUC Murray
Wade High School GRIFFITH Murray
Wakool Burraboi Public School WAKOOL Murray
Wamoon Public School LEETON Murray
Wentworth Public School WENTWORTH Murray
Whitton-Murrumbidgee Public School WHITTON Murray
Yanco Agricultural High School YANCO Murray
Yanco Public School YANCO Murray
Yenda Public School YENDA Murray
Yoogali Public School YOOGALI Murray

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