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IMPROVED FACILITIES FOR EMMAUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Every student at Emmaus Catholic School in Woodcroft will soon have access to school facilities thanks to new ramps after Senator David Fawcett announced today a \$200,000 Australian Government grant.

As well as the works to deliver the school's commitment to be inclusive of all students, this grant will enable refurbishment of an office, student kitchen and new fencing.

Funding through the Capital Grants Program will go towards the project.

Senator Fawcett congratulated Emmaus Catholic School on being successful with their grant application and noted it would be in addition to the record levels of funding the Turnbull Government is investing in schools.

Minister for Education and Training Simon Birmingham said the Capital Grants Program provides funding for non-government schools to improve capital infrastructure where they otherwise may not have access to sufficient resources.

“The Turnbull Government is committed to improving the quality of our school education and ensuring students have access to the resources they need so they are equipped with the skills to succeed in an increasingly competitive world,” Minister Birmingham said.

“The Turnbull Government believes in an education system that puts students first. That’s why in addition to our Capital Grants Program, our record levels of schools funding will be allocated according to need and tied to a range of evidence-based initiatives. These initiatives will focus on outcomes in literacy, numeracy and STEM subjects, helping lift teacher quality and better preparing our children for life after school.”

Minister Birmingham is responsible for the Capital Grants Program, which provides funding for non-government schools to improve capital infrastructure where they otherwise may not have access to sufficient capital resources.

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