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DIGITAL EDUCATION REVOLUTION

NSW to deliver 60k laptops this year

Renai LeMay, Delimiter.com.au, 15 March 2010

NSW Education Minister Verity Firth today said that 66,000 laptops were handed out to students in year 9 last year in the Federal Government's Digital Education Revolution initiative, with 60,000 more to hit schools this year.

The Lenovo laptops will continue to hit the school system this year, with an average of 10,000 to be delivered each week, Firth said in a statement.

"By mid-2010 there will be almost 130,000 laptops in our schools, turning our classrooms into 21st century learning hubs," she said.

Read more at <http://www.zdnet.com.au/news/hardware/soa/NSW-to-deliver-60k-laptops-this-year/0,130061702,339301776,00.htm?feed=rss>

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Rudd's high school laptop pledge falls short

Natasha Bita, the Australian, 6 March 2010

MORE than two years after Kevin Rudd promised high school students a "21st century toolbox", some are still waiting for internet connections and electrical networks to connect their new computers.

Across Australia, private and public high schools have installed fewer than 20 per cent of the million computers needed to fulfil the Rudd government's \$2 billion promise of a computer for every student in Years 9 to 12 by the end of next year. NSW is the only state or territory to equip all Year 9 students with laptops -- which Mr Rudd considers the 21st-century toolbox -- while the others opt for desktops instead.

But even NSW is having to spend \$280 million to provide wireless networking and high-speed broadband to all its schools over the next four years.

Read entire article: <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/rudds-high-school-laptop-pledge-falls-short/story-e6frg6nf-1225837518298>

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School computers left offline

Natasha Bitu, the Australian, 8 March 2010

SOME computers bestowed to schools in Canberra's \$2 billion computers-in-classrooms scheme are not connected to the internet, Education Minister Julia Gillard admitted yesterday.

Ms Gillard said 780,000 computers - one for every student in Years 9 to 12 - would be handed out by December next year.

But she refused to guarantee that Canberra's \$100 million pledge to give schools fast broadband access would be delivered within the same deadline. And she admitted that not all 220,000 computers provided to date are working, because their schools do not have web access.

Read entire article: <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/politics/school-computers-left-offline/story-e6frgczf-1225837961417>

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Principals want IT technicians

Pia Akerman & Nicolas Perpitch, the Australian, 10 March 2010

HIGH school principals fear the Rudd government's \$2 billion computer rollout will force teachers out of the classroom unless schools employ full-time IT technicians.

Jim Davies, president of the South Australian Secondary Principals Association, yesterday said the lack of funding for computer technicians was the most pressing problem to emerge from the digital education revolution package.

"All principals want their best teachers in front of kids in classrooms, not fixing up some laptop in a back broom cupboard," he said. "IT technician work tends to get done by teachers who have got some skills in the area, and that's a distraction for those people from what they're paid to do, to provide quality teaching for the kids."

Read entire article: <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/principals-want-it-technicians/story-e6frg6nf-1225838885727>

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BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION

Joint Press Conference, Russell Lea Infants School, Sydney

The Hon Julia Gillard MP, Minister for Education; The Hon Kristina Keneally MP, Premier of New South Wales; The Hon Verity Firth MP, NSW Minister for Education and Training; Angela D'Amore MP, NSW Member for Drummoyne, 14 March 2010

JOURNALIST: Deputy Prime Minister, the projects sound really good but we're starting to hear now subcontractors starting to go belly-up. How concerned are you by that, by these reports?

JULIA GILLARD: I've seen a report today about an individual subcontractor who appears to have a problem. Obviously when you're delivering more than \$16 billion work of work into schools, into more than 9000 schools around the country, more than 24,000 individual projects, there are going to be times that there are things to manage our way through. We'll obviously look at that report and if there is a need to ensure that the works continue with another subcontractor, then obviously that will be done.

I think anybody who's done something as humble as renovate their own home realises that construction projects often don't go without some moments of stresses and strain. Most people who have renovated a kitchen or a bathroom would remember some moments of stresses and strain in their own homes. Obviously when you're doing something of this scale, more than 9500 schools, more than 24,000 projects, there are occasional moments of stresses and strain and we work our way through.

Read more at http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Transcripts/Pages/Article_100316_154332.aspx

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Teachers want audit of spending on new school buildings

Anna Patty, Sydney Morning Herald, March 16, 2010

The NSW Teachers Federation has written to the NSW Auditor-General, Peter Achterstraat, asking for an inquiry into the \$16.2 billion school building program.

In his letter, sent on Friday, the federation's general secretary, John Irving, said school communities had been heartened by the promise of assistance for "long-neglected and underfunded" public schools when the federal government's Building the Education Revolution program was announced.

"Since the announcement, however, the BER has generated concern and criticism on issues such as: capacity for a school to determine and meet its particular requirements and priorities; overpricing of building quotations and tenders; gross discrepancies between building costs before and after the BER programs and wasteful duplication; constructing new buildings instead of renovating and refurbishing existing buildings; public schools receiving trucked-in prefabricated buildings while private schools are able to build permanent bricks and mortar buildings at much greater value for money."

Read entire article: <http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/teachers-want-audit-of-spending-on-new-school-buildings-20100315-q9ow.html>

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BULLYING

Landmark ruling opens door for bullying compo

Kellie Lazzaro, ABC News, 10 March 2010

A landmark ruling by the Victorian Supreme Court has paved the way for victims of young bullies to seek compensation.

The court has overturned a decision by a Victims of Crime tribunal, which refused to compensate a girl who had been bullied because her attackers were under the age of 10. But the victim's case for compensation will now be reheard after a Supreme Court judge ruled that young bullies can act violently with intent.

The bullying began in the form of swearing and insults when the girl was eight years old and in grade two at a state primary school in country Victoria. But over the next four years it worsened when the main offender - a classmate known to the court as K - started threatening to kill her victim and threatening to have her uncles kill her. She was menaced with scissors and a broken bottle and frequently punched, kicked and pinched.

Read entire article: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/03/10/2841429.htm>

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LITERACY & NUMERACY

Neediest schools miss out to elites

Justine Ferrari, the Australian, 11 March 2010

ELITE private schools have received crisis literacy and numeracy funding at the expense of some of the poorest-performing schools in the nation.

In the latest example of the federal government's failure to effectively implement policy, schools in the Northern Territory with one-third or more of their students failing literacy and numeracy standards received nothing under the \$540 million agreement targeting the nation's neediest schools.

But affluent private schools in the ACT, including Radford College, attended by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's son, Canberra Grammar and Canberra Girls Grammar received money intended for struggling students under the national partnerships struck between the federal, state and territory governments.

The situation undermines the Rudd government's commitment to funding schools based on need and follows problems in the rollout of the \$16 billion school building program, including inflated costs and rigid guidelines, under which the government gave the same amount of money to the nation's richest schools as to the poorest.

Read entire article: <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/politics/neediest-schools-miss-out-to-elites/story-e6frgczf-1225839338222>

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FOOD EDUCATION

Jamie Oliver urges Sydney to make nourishing meals

Sydney Morning Herald, 14 March 2010

Celebrity British chef Jamie Oliver has whizzed into the photogenic city of Sydney to tackle the not so beautiful problem of obesity.

The self-described "professional stirrer" was in town yesterday to launch his "Ministry of Food" cooking school concept.

"When you know how to cook, you've got control over your life and your health," Oliver says.

But food education is fast becoming a thing of the past, he warns.

Ministry of Food centres are already operating in Britain and the US, and Oliver hopes the concept will include a mobile kitchen and a "bricks and mortar" kitchen in Sydney by the end of the year.

"It can go to a school. It can go to hard to reach areas, deprived areas," he said of the mobile kitchen.

Read more at <http://www.smh.com.au/lifestyle/people/jamie-oliver-urges-sydney-to-make-nourishing-meals-20100314-q657.html>

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ASIA LITERACY

Asia Education Foundation Update

Study Tour to Thailand June-July 2010 for Geography & Environment educators.

Registrations are now open. This tour offers unique insights into how communities in Thailand are meeting the challenge of environmental sustainability for the future. Check out the tour and other AEF Study Tours on offer at: http://www.asiaeducation.edu.au/for_teachers/travel/access_asia_study_tours_teachers/access_asia_study_tours_landing.html

Secondary school visits from Asia Literacy Ambassadors

These are skilled business professionals who, by sharing their own story, will assist secondary school students to better understand the diverse career and life opportunities available to employees who are Asia literate. Interested in hosting an Ambassador? Contact: Lucy Carroll l.carroll@asialink.unimelb.edu.au

Round 2 of the Leading 21st Century Schools program

This is now underway around Australia. Learn from schools that have been involved in the Leading 21st Century Schools project. View a school case study or a video of an interview with a school principal on the AEF website http://asiaeducation.edu.au/for_school_leaders/school_change/c21_schools_project/leading_21st_century_schools_engage_with_asia.html

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INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Indigenous Teaching Scholarship

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today announced that applications are now open for the 2010 Governor-General's Indigenous Student Teacher Scholarship program. This program supports one Indigenous student in every state and territory to obtain a teaching degree.

Applicants must be enrolled in, or accepted into, a full time undergraduate teaching degree, with the scholarships providing \$25,000 per year for the duration of the degree, or up to four years.

Scholarship recipients will also have the opportunity to be supported by an accomplished teacher or teacher educator as a mentor throughout their studies.

Ms Gillard encouraged prospective teachers to apply for this prestigious program, with applications for the scholarships closing on the 9th April this year.

Application forms and guidelines at <http://www.deewr.gov.au/Indigenous/Schooling/Programs/Pages/IndigenousTeacherScholarships.aspx>.

Read entire release: http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_100312_113427.aspx

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Government funds 200 traineeships for Indigenous students

Senator Mark Arbib, Media Release, 12 March 2010

Minister for Employment Participation Mark Arbib today launched the 2010 Aboriginal School Based Traineeship Program, which will see 200 Indigenous high school students work with businesses across Australia.

“Under this program 200 trainees will receive a Certificate II in Business Services delivered through a partnership between the Indigenous Employment Program and the AES,” Senator Arbib said.

The traineeship program aims to achieve three key outcomes for Indigenous young people:

- improved school retention rates;
- increased number of students with HSC qualifications or equivalent; and
- improved transition between education and work.

Since 2007, 339 indigenous students have been placed with a range of employers including the big four banks – ANZ, Commonwealth, NAB and Westpac, Qantas, Telstra, Woodside Energy and Target.

Read entire release: http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Arbib/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_100312_130752.aspx

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AWARDS & PRIZES

Students honoured in annual Simpson Prize

Hon Julia Gillard MP & Hon Alan Griffith, 15 March 2010

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, and the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Alan Griffin, today congratulated the winners and runners-up in the Australian Government's Simpson Prize for 2010.

A ceremony at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra today recognised the eight talented school students who will take part in commemorative Anzac Day services at Gallipoli as part of their award.

More than 540 students submitted an essay or audio-visual presentation this year, responding to the question “Are there voices missing from the Anzac Legend?” Entries this year covered subjects including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anzacs, First World War submariners, clergy and war correspondents.

Read entire release at:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_100315_180146.aspx

Read more about the awards: <http://www.simpsonprize.org>.

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Green Teacher Award 2010

Nominations now extended - closing on Friday 26 March 2010

Sponsored by Sanyo Oceania, the Green Teacher Award is about rewarding those teachers who go the extra mile to inspire school students by initiating innovative environmental projects within their school communities.

Whether you are a teacher or student, Clean Up Australia would like you to help us find Australia's Greenest Teacher

by submitting a nomination. Teachers may nominate themselves if they wish.

One winner will be chosen from each state and territory – and then a national winner will be selected from the state/territory winners.

Closing date for all entries now 5pm (AEST) Friday 26th March 2010

Lodge your nomination online <http://competitions.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/competitions?step=2&award=76>

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Australian Museum Eureka Science Prizes 2010 - entries closing 7 May 2010

The Eureka Prizes reward great Australian science. Our program encourages young science enthusiasts and film makers, and acknowledges those that inspire them in the classroom.

How do we do this? Through the University of Sydney Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prizes (open to primary and secondary students) and the University of Technology, Sydney Eureka Prize for Science Teaching (open to secondary teachers).

Haven't started working on your entries? Don't worry as there is plenty of time and we have some great resources that will help you implement the program into your classroom. Download our teacher resources which include lesson plans, teacher notes, judges' hints and tips and much more.

Link to teacher resources or go to <http://eureka.australianmuseum.net.au/teacher>]

Link to frequently asked questions or <http://eureka.australianmuseum.net.au/about/faqs>]

More information at: <http://eureka.australianmuseum.net.au/enter>

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AROUND THE STATES & TERRITORIES

ACT: The hunt is on for ideas that link families, schools and communities

Joy Burch, MLA, 16/03/2010

Minister for Children and Young People Ms Joy Burch MLA, today announced \$5,000 is available for initiatives that build links between families, schools and communities.

"The ideas should aim to support children and young people in the ACT, and individuals or groups that are developing innovative and evidence-based are encouraged to apply," said Ms Burch.

"I'd like to see applications where families, schools, communities, local businesses and government work together to benefit children, young people and their families.

"We are looking for projects that help identify potential issues and assist in preventing them, or that are designed to tackle problem areas in the early years of a child's life."

12 schools in Canberra formed successful partnerships with community organisations to establish a diverse range of initiatives last year.

Read more at <http://www.chiefminister.act.gov.au/media.php?v=9328>

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NSW: Call to stagger school starting times

Anna Patty, Sydney Morning Herald, March 11, 2010

STAGGERED school starting times have helped parents like Joy Poulos co-ordinate drop-off and pick-up times for children attending different schools. The later start at Bald Face Public School in Blakehurst means she does not have to drop off her daughter Nicola, 6, until 9.25am, after she has delivered her 12-year-old son, William, to high school by 9am.

The NSW Business Chamber has suggested trialling staggered starting times for schools to relieve peak-hour traffic congestion.

Another parent, Toula Varipatis from Carlton, said that while her three children were growing up, she had to juggle drop-offs at three different schools that started at 8.30am, 8.40am and 8.45am.

A spokesman for the Sydney Catholic Education Office said most schools started lessons between 8.30 and 9am. The NSW Department of Education said most of its schools started at 9am and ended at 3pm, but there was some variation from school to school.

Read entire article: <http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/call-to-stagger-school-starting-times-20100310-pzej.html>

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NSW: School criticised for putting autistic kids in pen

Liz Foschia, ABC News, 11 March 2010

The New South Wales Opposition has described a Sydney school's decision to place children with autism into a pen during play periods as inhumane and cruel.

The State Education Department has confirmed that a fenced-off area is used for students with special needs at Seven Hills West Public School.

It says the school is located near a busy road and many of the students have no sense of boundaries.

The area contains just one tree with benches around it, surrounded by dirt.

The Opposition's disability services spokesman, Andrew Constance, says he has seen cattle yards in better condition.

"You cannot treat children with autism in this way," he said. "It is, I think, no doubt in breach of every discrimination act in the country."

Read entire article: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/03/11/2843283.htm>

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NSW: The education devolution

Matt Wordsworth, ABC the Drum, 12 March 2010

It's not the health budget that we should be worried about but the education budget.

Both the Prime Minister and the NSW Premier have been warning that health will consume the entire state budget by the 2040s if it continues to grow at its current rate.

So I went back to look at those growth trends and found, like all statistics, it depends on what you choose as your reference point.

Sure the government is spending a lot on health but economic prosperity has allowed it to happen. Total revenue has grown at almost the same rate.

More of an issue is the decline in education spending as a percentage of the entire budget.

It shows that it was back in the 1970s when governments began diverting money away from education.

Read entire article: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/03/12/2843655.htm?site=thedrum>

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NSW: Poisons found in schools' bubblers

Miawling Lam, Sunday Telegraph, 14 March 2010

HUNDREDS of children have been exposed to dangerous toxins after tests revealed seven NSW public schools failed to comply with drinking water guidelines.

Tank water supplies in seven schools recorded traces of E. coli, lead and copper higher than the maximum recommended levels.

Bubbler fountains at a further seven schools were found to be contaminated. Students and teachers were given bottled water to drink in the affected schools, which are located in regional and metropolitan fringe areas.

Two of them - Dunedoo Central School and Ebenezer Public School near Richmond - have more than 100 students.

Read entire article: <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/sunday-telegraph/poisons-found-in-schools-bubblers/story-e6frewt0-1225840382863>

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NSW: Report shows TAFE funding cut 30 per cent over ten years

John Kaye MP, Media release: 16 March 2010

A report from Monash University's Centre for Economics of Education and Training (CEET), shows that government funding per hour in the state's TAFE sector fell 30 per cent between 1998 and 2008.

"NSW Education and Training Minister Verity Firth needs to ensure that funding for TAFE addresses the years of neglect under successive state and federal governments.

"NSW currently ranks second last in recurrent government expenditure per publicly funded annual hour of public vocational education and training.

"This is a disgrace given NSW's internal skills crisis is compounded by an exodus of trained workers to the mining boom states of WA and Queensland."

Read entire release: www.johnkaye.org.au

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NT: New Learning Resources for Families in the Bush

Dr Chris Burns, Minister for Education and Training, 10 March 2010

The Territory Government today launched new resources to help support the early development of children in remote communities as part of the Families As First Teachers program.

Minister for Education and Training Chris Burns said the Territory Government has invested \$123,000 to develop and create new the materials for 73 remote communities.

"The Territory Government's \$11.7 million Families As First Teachers program is an important part of the Smart Territory strategy to help build early learning development for Indigenous children in remote areas," Dr Burns said.

Read more at <http://newsroom.nt.gov.au/index.cfm?fuseaction=viewRelease&id=6645&d=5>

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QLD: Trade Training Centre opens at Aviation High

Hon Julia Gillard MP; Hon Geoff Wilson MP & Hon Arch Bevis MP, 9 March 2010

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, Queensland Minister for Education and Training, Geoff Wilson, and Member for Brisbane, Arch Bevis, today officially opened the new Trade Training Centre at Aviation High in Brisbane as part of the Rudd Government's \$2.5 billion program to teach trades skills in high schools around Australia.

The centre is already teaching more than more than 380 students across Queensland in a range of aviation-related qualifications, including aircraft maintenance engineering using world-class equipment including a wind tunnel and flight simulator.

Mr Wilson said the Queensland Government had invested \$6 million in a redevelopment of the school and this new Trade Training Centre was another example of the Australian and State Governments working together in Queensland schools.

Further information on the Trade Training Centres in Schools Program at <http://www.tradetrainingcentres.deewr.gov.au>.

Read entire release: http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_100309_085432.aspx

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SA: Popular schools would take more students: ALP

ABC News, 16 March 2010

Labor has promised to spend \$60 million to expand four popular Adelaide secondary schools. Its proposed expansion would create up to 800 extra student places at Marryatville, Glenunga, Brighton and Adelaide High.

During the election campaign, the Opposition has promised it would build a second Adelaide High School campus to help meet growing demand.

Education Minister Jane Lomax-Smith says the school community favours its plan over the Liberal one. "We've listened to their requests. They don't want a split campus, they don't want a school of over 2,100 children as proposed by the Liberals and they don't want to be split over two sites," she said.

"The school community want a modest expansion of 250 children, they want it on site and they particularly want it to fit with the parklands setting and the heritage buildings."

Labor also says it will build six centres to deal with problem students if it is re-elected in Saturday's election.

Read entire article: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/03/16/2846900.htm>

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TAS: Liberals' free school pledge

Damien Brown, Hobart Mercury, March 14, 2010

TASMANIA may become the first state to provide free education for all primary and high school students.

The Liberal policy will initially provide free education to all public primary school students from as early as next year. A party spokesman said there was a plan to then abolish high school fees further into the Liberal term if they were elected to government this Saturday.

Under the plan, the \$12.5 million that is currently collected by the state's 166 primary and district schools will come from Tasmanian Treasury coffers rather than from parents.

And Tasmania's independent schools will not miss out. With more than three quarters of funding for those schools coming from the Commonwealth Government, Mr Hodgman said a funding model would be developed to ensure they too get their share of the cuts.

Read entire article: http://www.themercury.com.au/article/2010/03/14/133755_election.html

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VIC: Online schools portal goes live

Farrah Tomazin, the Age, March 16, 2010

IT WAS hailed by the state government as the computer project that would revolutionise public schools. Now, after four years of hype, a controversial tender process and \$77 million in taxpayer funding, it's here.

More than 1600 Victorian schools are about to get the Ultranet - an online portal and "virtual classroom" that Education Minister Bronwyn Pike promises will transform the way students learn.

Parents will be able to use the Ultranet to check their child's attendance records, monitor academic progress and give teachers immediate feedback.

Students will be able to submit their work online, set "personal learning goals" or chat to other students and teachers on public forums modelled on Facebook message walls. And teachers will get the chance to share curriculum information with those from other schools.

Read entire article: <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/online-schools-portal-goes-live-20100315-q9nd.html>

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WA: Union claims cost cutting as senior years cut

ABC News, 16 March 2010

The State School Teachers Union suspects a plan to cut years 11 and 12 from 21 WA district high schools is part of a Government cost cutting exercise.

Year 11 and 12 subjects have already been cut at schools including Wyndham, Dalwallinu and Kellerberrin, and the State Government intends to phase out courses at other country schools over the next three years.

The President of the State School Teachers Union Anne Gisborne says the decision will have a significant impact on students, parents and teachers in regional areas.

"I find it interesting that right now at this particular point when the education department is facing major problems with Buswell's three per cent cuts, that they've decided to move in this direction."

Years 11 and 12 subjects have already been cut at schools including Wyndham, Dalwallinu and Wagin, while courses at other country schools will be phased out over the next three years.

Students affected by the cuts can either study through the School of Isolated and Distance Education, travel to the nearest senior high school or attend a boarding college.

Read entire article: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/03/16/2846945.htm>

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CONFERENCES

Tackling Underachievement: Engaging Boys and Girls

Monday 17th May, 9:00-4:00, Sebel Hotel, Church St, Parramatta, Sydney

Tuesday 18th May, 9:00-4:00, Sebel Hotel, Queens Road, Albert Park, Melbourne

Please click on links below to download details of the speakers and sessions at the 2010 conferences.

Information & pdf flyer: <http://conferences2010.schoolevent.org>

Online bookings: <https://conferences2010.schoolevent.org/index.php/bookings/home>

Conference program: <https://conferences2010.schoolevent.org/index.php/program/show>

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REMINDERS

21 March - Harmony Day - <http://www.harmony.gov.au/harmony-day/>

24-26 March - Going Global 4 - London, UK - <http://www.britishcouncil.org/goingglobal.htm>

6-9 April - Digital Diversity Conference - Melbourne, VIC - <http://acec2010.info/>

7-9 April - Career Development Association of Australia Annual Conference - Adelaide, SA - <http://www.onqconferences.com.au/pages/CDAA2010.php>

8-11 April - Global Language Convention - Melbourne, VIC - <http://www.wesleycollege.net/convention.cfm>

9-10 April - National Coalition against Bullying Conference - Melbourne, VIC - <http://www.amf.org.au/NCABConference/>

19-20 April - Kidsafe Playground Conference - Perth, WA - <http://www.kidsafewa.com.au/>

19-21 April - Language Education: An Essential for a Global Economy - Singapore - <http://www.relc.org.sg/seminar.html>

26-28 April - Canada International Conference on Education - Toronto, Canada - <http://www.ciceducation.org/>

27-29 May - Council of Educational Facility Planners International Conference - Perth, WA - <http://australiasia.cefpi.org/>

22 April - 21st Century Learning Spaces Networking Event - Melbourne, VIC - <http://www.educationau.edu.au/21st-century-learning-event>

29-30 April - 8th Annual Higher Education Summit - Adelaide, SA - <http://www.highereducationsummit.com.au/>

7 May - National Walk Safely to School Day - <http://www.walk.com.au>

14 May - Modern Language Teachers' Association of Victoria Annual Conference - Melbourne, VIC - <http://www.mltav.asn.au>

25-28 May - Inclusive Learning Technologies Conference - Gold Coast, QLD - <http://www.spectronicsinoz.com/conference/>

4-5 June - Early Childhood Education Conference - Melbourne, VIC - <http://www.togetherwegrow.com.au/2010registration.html>

17-18 June - National Conference of Australian Special Education Principals' Association & Australian Association of Special Education - Darwin, NT - <http://www.gemsevents.com.au/aase2010/>

4-7 July - National Conference for Teachers of English & Literacy - Perth, WA - <http://www.englishliteracyconference.com.au/index.php?id=46&year=10>

6-9 July - 17th International Conference on Learning - Hong Kong - <http://thelearner.com/Conference-2010/>

7-9 July - Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference - Melbourne, VIC - <http://www.aifs.gov.au/conference>

21-24 July - Second Paris International Conference on Education, Economy & Society - Paris, France - <http://education-conferences.org/default.aspx>

26-27 August - Annual School Leaders' Conference - Gold Coast, QLD - <http://www.griffith.edu.au/pdn-leadership-conference-2010>

6-8 September - London International Conference on Education - London, UK - <http://www.liceducation.org/>

27-30 September - National Australian Association for Environmental Education Conference - Canberra, ACT - <https://www.conferenceco.com.au/aaee>

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