Welcome to the Building the Education Revolution (BER) Update for Schools.

This update aims to keep schools informed about the latest BER news and events across Victoria.

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**BER progress in Victoria**

**as at 30 September 2010**

**Primary Schools for the 21st Century**
- Number of projects: 1,253
- Construction started: 1,017
- Construction finished: 265

**Science and Language Centres**
- Number of projects: 70
- Construction started: 61
- Construction finished: 3

**Completed P21 and SLC projects in Victoria**

[Map of Victoria showing completed projects]
Tips for keeping your school community updated

Information and updates can make a world of difference

A large-scale building program such as Building the Education Revolution (BER) requires flexibility and understanding from the school community. It is also a perfect opportunity for schools to strengthen links with their local communities.

While most schools have a regular program of communication, here are some additional ideas to consider when updating the community about your BER project.

- Place information in the school foyer with details about the project.
- Provide a fact sheet about the project to parents and school visitors.
- After each meeting with your project manager, consider if there is an update on your BER project you can provide to the school community. See how Mildura West Primary School, Eltham North Primary School and Le Page Primary School have been documenting the progress of their projects.

Taking possession of your building

What is the process for handover of your project?

Taking possession of a BER building is an exciting phase of the construction process. Learn more about the steps leading up to practical completion.

BER signage requirements

How long do signs need to be displayed?

Schools are reminded that BER signage must remain on display until the completion of the BER program on 31 March 2011 or project completion should an extension be granted. This requirement is part of the Commonwealth Government’s guidelines for the administration and delivery of BER.

Compliance requirements for the 2010 Victorian state election

All BER signage at Victorian Government schools designated as polling places for the 2010 Victorian state election needs to comply with Victorian Electoral Commission requirements. The role of schools in facilitating compliance is likely to be similar to that during the federal election. Relevant schools will be sent further details shortly.

All BER signs and plaques will need to be covered from a specific date (to be confirmed) until the end of polling on Saturday evening, 27 November 2010.
Spotlight on schools

Watch the latest online videos on the BER website including features on Bentleigh West Primary School and Elsternwick Primary School which are looking forward to the benefits of a new full-sized gymnasium and multipurpose space.

ICT update

Multi Functional Devices
Operational cost of MFDs

Schools receiving standard design (template) buildings will receive a Multi Functional Device (MFD) as part of their ICT Package. An MFD is an all-in-one printer, copier, scanner and fax machine.

While the purchase cost of the MFD is included in the BER project, the school will incur a monthly operational cost (‘click charge’) per black and white image and per colour image. This cost will be significantly lower than the current industry standard.

These costs will be invoiced and payable monthly and include all toner and consumables (excluding paper), parts, labour and regular preventative maintenance. Schools will have the ability to choose the ‘User Authentication’ function on the MFD to help manage printing volumes and lower costs.

Training for school specialist technicians

Specialist technicians (STs) attended training and information sessions on key Department initiatives including the ICT for BER program which comprises the eduSTAR.net enterprise wireless solution component.

A focus was on tasks that will be conducted by STs during the implementation of the eduSTAR.net enterprise wireless solution, including:

1. Preparation for eduSTAR.net
2. Integration of the Microsoft branch server
3. Integration of the Cisco infrastructure
4. Connection of client devices
5. Post-integration activity.

The STs in all participating schools now have the necessary skills and tools to provide wireless network connectivity to their BER standard (template) building(s). They are also prepared for the implementation of the eduSTAR.net enterprise wireless network with the appointed system integration vendor.

For further information visit eduSTAR.net Enterprise Wireless Network.
Upcoming events

Additional furniture and equipment expos
*If you missed out the first time or want to come again*

Principals can RSVP their school’s attendance at additional furniture and equipment expos being held by completing the online form.

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Schools are encouraged to see additional resources on the BER website to assist them make informed decisions when purchasing furniture and equipment, including video and interviews from the first round of expos.

For more information on BER in Victoria, contact the BER information line on 1800 679 938, email ber@edumail.vic.gov.au or visit www.education.vic.gov.au/buildingrevolution

www.australia.gov.au/economicstimulus