



ACT Government
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DESIGNING A SCHOOL FOR THE FUTURE

The Stanhope Government is planning ahead for the future of Canberra with an allocation of \$500,000 in the 2004-2005 Budget for the forward design of a preschool and primary school for Gungahlin East.

“The population of the Gungahlin region is continuing to grow, and the Government is committed to meeting the changing needs of the community,” said Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services, Ms Katy Gallagher.

“Current projections indicate that a new preschool and primary school are likely to be needed in Gungahlin East in 2008 to alleviate pressure on schools at Amaroo, Ngunnawal, Gold Creek and Palmerston.”

“A site to accommodate a Kindergarten to Year 10 school has been identified to the east of Flemington Road in the new suburb of Harrison, adjacent to the planned neighbourhood oval and district playing fields. At this stage, demographic projections indicate that a new high school will not be required until 2013.”

Projected enrolments for ACT government schools in Gungahlin are prepared annually and are dependent on changing land release programs, occupancy rates, student generation rates and the percentage of students who might choose to enrol in a school other than their local government school.

The priority enrolment area for the planned new school will include Gungahlin East, the new suburbs of Harrison and Franklin, and the future suburbs of Throsby and Kenny.

The school is planned to open for the 2008 school year with an enrolment of approximately 100 preschool and 250 kindergarten to year 6 students.

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