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### **\$50 MILLION P-10 SCHOOL FOR PEOPLE OF TUGGERANONG**

The Stanhope Government is furthering its commitment to high quality public education for all students in Canberra, with \$50 million in the 2007-08 Budget for a new P-10 school in Tuggeranong.

Minister for Education and Training Andrew Barr said the new P-10 school, which was announced in December last year, would open in 2011 on the site of the current Kambah High School.

"The Stanhope Government is committed to providing new state-of-the-art schools, not just in the new areas of the Territory, but also in the more established areas," Mr Barr said.

"This great new school will be built on the site of the current Kambah High School, with a view to it opening in 2011. It will embrace the same high-quality design as the Amaroo School, the West Belconnen P-10 school and Harrison, and will be constructed with a commitment to environmental sustainability.

"This Budget allocates \$50 million on top of \$4 million already committed from the \$90 million School Infrastructure Renewal program."

Mr Barr said the facility will provide Tuggeranong students access to state-of-the-art learning environments and quality learning pathways.

"The preschool will be closely linked to the primary school to form an early childhood school integrated within the school complex. The school design will provide flexible, modern, high-quality and environmentally sustainable educational facilities that will be accessible to the Tuggeranong community," he said.

The \$50 million for the Tuggeranong P-10 school forms part of a massive capital injection into public education totalling more than \$350 million over five years. The Australian Government has contributed \$4.6 million as part of the \$54 million for the Tuggeranong school.

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