

ENGADINE MUSIC EDUCATION CENTRE



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Providing musical solutions

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Building the Education Revolution

Overview

- All 10,000 or so Australian schools will benefit from the *Building the Education Revolution*
- On average each school will receive \$3 million (schools with more than 400 students – smaller schools have between \$250,000 (up to 50 students) and \$2,500,000 (up to 399 students) in grants for new buildings or renovations or a combination of both
- The total spend by Government will be \$14.7 billion
- Schools have until the end of July to prepare their grant submissions (though some schools will be required to finalise their program sooner than that date)
- Projects are expected to commence by December 2009 and be completed by March 2011

What buildings?

- Music facilities such as performing arts centres, studios, rehearsal or practice rooms are approved areas of spending
- In primary schools the building of a multi purpose hall will be a popular choice by schools. In this case music resources and equipment can be included in the project specification if music activities will take place there – such as school band or choir rehearsals/performances or new planned musical activity can take place once the building is completed
- Many schools will already have a building plan this will mean that generally the school already knows what it is it will build with these grants
- State Governments will also have some say into what is built. Any new performing arts centre will likely already be an approved 'off the shelf' design. There is however the opportunity for the school to specify the equipment need to make the building operational in and educational sense¹, this is where you can help in developing the specification.
- Within the \$14.7 billion program is a smaller \$1.3 billion program for smaller scale renovations and refurbishment, known as the National School Pride Program

Private & Catholic schools

- Independent and Catholic schools are eligible for grants under this program though they will be required to submit there plans through the appropriate Block Grant Authority (BGA's) or Catholic Block Grant Authority.

More information

More information can be found on the DEEWR website

www.deewr.gov.au/schooling/buildingtheeducationrevolution/Pages/default.aspx

or you can call or email the AMA for further information Specific information regarding primary, K-12 and secondary schools is also available on this site.