

# MEDIA STATEMENT

**Dr Mike Nahan** MLA  
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## **Parkwood Integrated Services Centre Funding**

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton welcomed the State Government's announcement of \$1.2m to Parkwood Primary School over the next two years to assist the school to operate its Integrated Services Centre.

"The State Government, through the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests, has provided the funding over the next two years to ensure that the Integrated Services Centre located at Parkwood Primary School stays open," said Dr Nahan.

"I am pleased to see that during the period that the funding is in place, the State Government and the Federal Government will work together to review the provision of long term migrant settlement services for WA."

Dr Nahan, who has been working with the Principal and staff at Parkwood Primary School and the Integrated Services Centre to secure the ongoing funding, said the allocation over the next two years would allow the school to make future plans.

"In the past, the former Labor Government only provided funding to the Parkwood ISC on a year-by-year basis, which made it very difficult for the school to establish ongoing programs," said Dr Nahan.

"There is no doubt that the number of humanitarian refugees coming to Australia and requiring specialist services to assist them through the integration process will continue to grow."

"This funding is crucial to Parkwood Primary School's ISC program and will allow it to continue to provide ongoing services that meet the needs of the growing number of refugees requiring assistance."

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