

## HANSARD 25 NOVEMBER 2010

### ROSSMOYNE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

*Statement by Member for Riverton*

**DR M.D. NAHAN (Riverton)** [12.55 pm]: I would like to congratulate Rossmoyne Senior High School staff, council and students on the commencement of its state-funded \$14 million redevelopment program to improve the school's ageing facilities. Last Friday I undertook a site inspection of the earthworks with the principal, Leila Bothams, and school chairman, Professor Gordon Parkinson.

The new works will take about a year to complete and will provide a substantial extension and enhancement of the school's amenities. The work will include extensions to the performing arts centre, two new art studios and a photographic studio, an expanded reception area, a special English and languages block, a new cafeteria and an amphitheatre.

In addition, some demountable classrooms will be removed and some old buildings will be demolished to make way for the installation of an international-sized soccer pitch. Hon Christian Porter, member for Bateman, and I lobbied the Liberal-National government to make the funds available to the school and were very pleased when the funds were allocated in the state budget in 2009.

Like many local state schools, Rossmoyne Senior High School has been long overdue for a major upgrade.

The school has a very strong community-based council that has also been working hard to obtain state-of-the-art facilities. Once completed, the new works will significantly enhance the school's campus and provide an improved learning atmosphere for the students.

The new works, together with the school's new independent public school status and strong leadership from Principal Bothams and Chairman Parkinson, will help Rossmoyne to remain a leading public school well into the future.