



# The Hon Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier and Western Sydney

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### CASTLE HILL BENEFITS AS SCHOOLS RECEIVE ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE

Four schools in Castle Hill are among the 968 schools across NSW that have received additional maintenance work, clearing over half of the outstanding school maintenance list across the state.

Education Minister Sarah Mitchell said an estimated \$200 million was spent on 968 additional maintenance and upgrade projects at public schools across NSW during the last few months.

These additional maintenance works are part of a \$1.3 billion election commitment that is on track to be completed by the middle of the year.

“We are now over halfway to achieving our election commitment to wipe the additional maintenance backlog at our schools and we are on track to achieve it by July this year as promised,” Ms Mitchell said

“The effort made by tradespeople, builders and department staff across the state has been incredible, handling both the task of bushfire recovery for day one and pushing on with our maintenance commitment.”

The maintenance blitz focused on additional repairs and upgrades including roof works, new floor coverings, drainage, electrical work and painting.

Local member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP welcomed the works.

“I’m excited to see the investment the NSW Government is making to maintain the schools in the Castle Hill community,” Mr Williams said.

“These works represent a commitment to not just maintain our public schools but to constantly improve them.

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over four years to deliver more than 190 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. In addition, a record \$1.3 billion is being spent on school maintenance over five years, along with a record \$500 million for the sustainable Cooler Classrooms program to provide air conditioning to schools. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

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