



## *Opening of the Rivermount College Multi Purpose Hall*

The 19th annual Foundation Day celebration held at the College on Saturday 22 May was a milestone for the Rivermount College community with the official opening of the new Multi Purpose Hall. Federal Member for Forde, Mr Brett Raguse MP, officially unveiled the plaque commemorating the opening of the three million dollar facility funded through the Federal Government's 'Building the Education Revolution - Primary Schools for the 21st Century' initiative.

Rivermount College is amongst one of the first schools in Australia to benefit from the Federal Governments' stimulus initiative after securing first round funding in May 2009. President and CEO of Rivermount Education Ltd, Mr Colin Young, said that the College Masterplan and the development of physical resources to enhance student learning has been a key focus area for the College Board of Directors. 'A multi purpose hall and community facility has been incorporated into the school masterplan since its inception in 1992', said Mr Young. 'The funding provided by the Federal Government has enabled us to achieve our objectives and realise our vision for a state of the art learning and recreational facility for members of the school and wider community'.

The new Multi Purpose Hall enables all students from Prep to Year 12 to access specialised resources including an auditorium for weekly assemblies and large scale seating for special events and student performances. In addition, the new facility will be utilised by students for physical education and drama lessons, interschool sporting competitions and the performing arts.

Head of College, Mr Michael Trott, said the new hall was a versatile facility that would be well utilised by all members of the College community. 'The hall will undoubtedly become a central hub of learning and community interaction at Rivermount', he said. 'The school community is very excited about the new resources and we anticipate that the many facilities, including the indoor gymnasium, multi purpose court, performance stage and specialised drama studios, will greatly enhance the learning opportunities available to students'.



*Official guests at the opening: (L-R) Councillor Donna Gates, The Hon. Margaret Keech MP, Mr Brett Raguse MP and Chairman of the Board, Mr Michael Pearson APM*



*Front elevation of the new Multi Purpose Hall*



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