Schools do well out of BER

The Government’s Building Education Revolution (BER) benefits schools.

The BER funded multipurpose hall that is being built at Saint Spyridon College in Adelaide is half way complete and going to plan.

Four independent schools Neos Kosmos spoke to reported little or no problems under the Federal Government's Building Education Revolution (BER).

Saint Spyridon College principal, Nick Papageorgiou said the BER was one of the smartest investments by government in the local community, education and infrastructure in the last 30 years.

"There's a real shortage of places for local groups to meet so the building of a community multipurpose hall has created a real excitement within the local community," he said.

"For $850,000 we are building a multipurpose hall, a library, and four classrooms so we are very happy with the value for money.

"In terms of efficiency generally speaking, the independent schools sector is getting much more value out of their dollar as we are managing projects and therefore trying to squeeze every bit of value out of every single dollar.»

Papageorgiou said he experienced only minor issues with the process, such as difficulty in obtaining cost competitiveness in prices last year, and a delay in the formal process of certification.

Already half way through the construction process, the new infrastructure is expected to be completed in December this year.