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Tenders Called for New Teacher Learning Centre

Tenders have been called for a redevelopment to create a new Teacher Learning Centre at Rokeby High School.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Heather Butler, said an unused classroom area at the school would be refurbished to create the teacher learning facility, staff accommodation and meeting rooms.

“The centre will provide a leading-edge learning facility for pre-service teachers to help them prepare for a teaching career,” Ms Butler said.

“It will be used by student teachers, post-graduate students doing a variety of courses and as a training venue for departmental staff.

“It will include a 100 seat conference room which can be divided into three smaller spaces and state of the art information technology for online learning.

“Architects Morrison and Breytenbach Architects have created an environmentally friendly design.

“The centre is part of the State Government’s partnership with the University of Tasmania to strengthen pre-service teacher education by providing increased practical experience as part of their course.

“The State Government recognises that teachers are the key to ensuring our students have a high quality education.

“The Teacher Learning Centre will ensure that our future teachers have had a significant amount of practical experience before they start work,” Ms Butler said.

Construction is expected to begin in February and the centre should be ready for use by May 2009.