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## **WORK UNDERWAY ON \$1.47 MILLION REDEVELOPMENT AT ST HELENS**

Work is underway on a \$1.47 million redevelopment at St Helens District High School.

Labor Member for Lyons, Heather Butler, said today that builders R & S Rosier started work on construction of four new classrooms and the refurbishment of outdated general learning areas.

"Artas is the architect for the project," Ms Butler said.

"As part of the redevelopment, traditional classrooms will be transformed into bright, open learning spaces that will better meet the needs of students and provide a more flexible teaching environment for staff.

"The school canteen will also be revamped.

"The State-Government-funded project is expected to be completed by June.

"The Government is committed to providing our students with modern facilities where teaching and learning can thrive.

"This financial year we're spending \$26.9 million on improving our capital works in Tasmanian Government schools, colleges, TAFE facilities and public libraries.

"This is a significant increase in capital investment of 45 per cent from \$18.5 million in 2006-07.

"It's part of a four-year, \$91.6 million program," Ms Butler said.