



# Media Release

## The Hon Greg Hunt MP

Federal Member for Flinders  
Minister for the Environment

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### **Newhaven College receives \$500,000 for new library**

Newhaven College on Phillip Island will get a much-needed new library thanks to a \$500,000 grant from the Commonwealth Government.

The funding, which will go towards the construction of a library and administrative building for the school, was committed through the Government's Capital Grants Programme.

"It is terrific that Newhaven College has received these funds to enable them to expand the school's facilities," Flinders MP Greg Hunt said.

"This contribution from the Australian Government represents our commitment to provide all Australian school children with the infrastructure that will help them learn and thrive.

"The Government believes that students come first and that a good education provides our young people with an opportunity to achieve personal success and contribute to our nation."

Mr Hunt said the Capital Grants Programme provided funding for non-government school communities to improve capital infrastructure that might not otherwise have been possible.

"I congratulate Newhaven College on their commitment to improving the opportunities for students on Phillip Island," he said.

"Through our Students First approach we are building a world-class education system to empower students to achieve their full potential."

College principal Gea Lovell said she was thrilled to receive the grant.

"This will allow us to build a combined library and administration building that will be the main entrance for people coming into the school," Ms Lovell said.

"This means our prep to year nine students will no longer have to travel to a separate campus to use the library.

Ms Lovell said the building would be a tremendous addition to the school.

"We will put the project out to tender shortly, with building works expected to commence by the end of the year. We hope to have the building completed by mid-2015."

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