

**HILLARYS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*Statement by Member for Hillarys*

**MR P.A. KATSAMBANIS (Hillarys)** [12.55 pm]: Hillarys Primary School is the biggest primary school in my electorate, with highly engaged students, very committed staff and a great school community. When it opened in 1973, it was known as Lymburner Primary School and was intended to be a temporary school until a permanent school could be constructed at another site. But almost 50 years later, it remains the only school in the suburb and serves our community well. Sadly, the school buildings are old and are now well past their useful working life. The principal, parents and school community continue to patch up the buildings but these are simply stop-gap measures. With nearly 600 students, Hillarys Primary School currently does not have any spare capacity to accommodate the anticipated future growth in enrolments. The popularity of the school also makes traffic management a daily problem. Our community has been extraordinarily patient for 47 years, but now we need a long-term solution. Hillarys Primary School needs dedicated state government funding to replace the older school buildings with modern state-of-the-art facilities. As the local member for the area, I am totally committed to securing funding to rebuild the tired old buildings at Hillarys Primary School. I call on the Western Australian government to commit to providing significant funding to rebuild the old school buildings and upgrade the school so that local students, and their teachers, can learn and work in modern, state-of-the-art facilities now and into the future.