

**CARLISLE, BELMAY, BELMONT AND RIVERVALE PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

*Statement by Member for Belmont*

**MS C.M. ROWE (Belmont)** [12.58 pm]: I am thrilled that the dedication of staff and students at another two of my local schools, Carlisle Primary School and Belmay Primary School, have had their science programs recognised and will be part of the second round of funding for a modern, well-equipped science lab under this Labor government. These two excellent schools under the leadership of principals Cameron Linley and Sarah Durham will be among the next round of 100 primary schools to receive funding to convert an existing classroom into a science lab.

Belmont Primary and Rivervale Primary were both part of the first round of schools to receive funding for a new science lab. Last month I was delighted to have a tour of Rivervale Primary School's recently completed lab with Mr Mark Burns, their dedicated principal. During my visit, it was clear that the enthusiastic students are thriving in their new learning space. They were keen to show me their science skills during a volcano experiment using some of their new equipment. This is delivering on our \$17 million election commitment to transform 200 existing classrooms into science labs by 2021, including \$25 000 for each school to purchase equipment and resources, such as 3D models of the solar system and human anatomy, digital microscopes, 3D printers, virtual reality headsets, robotics kits and renewable energy kits.

It is vital for today's students to understand the concepts taught in science, technology, engineering and maths for their future job prospects. Our government wants to ignite an interest in science from a young age so WA students continue to study at secondary school and are job-ready when they enter the workforce. I am thrilled that four of my local schools will be part of this significant investment into our children's future.