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DAYLESFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL TO RECEIVE \$6000 TO INNOVATE IN TEACHING ITALIAN

Daylesford Primary School is one of 32 Victorian government schools that will be even better equipped to help students learn another language.

Geoff Howard MP, State Member for Ballarat East, today congratulated Daylesford Primary School which will receive \$6000 from the \$200,000 Brumby Government Innovating with Technology program to assist with learning Italian.

“Our Government knows how important modern information and communication technology (ICT) equipment is in supporting education. Using the most modern materials provides students with the skills they need to get 21st Century jobs and flourish in a knowledge-rich, high-tech world,” Mr Howard said.

“The \$200,000 Innovating with Technology grant is one of many initiatives the Brumby Government has committed to in improving ICT at Victorian Government schools and ensuring our students remain at the forefront of learning.

Daylesford Primary will use its grant to develop new ways of delivering enhanced Italian Language lessons using a range of technologies including iPods, video conferencing and gaming devices.

Students and teachers will document their school’s progress and experiences while developing their project, and post the finished product on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website.

The Department will use the projects as a basis for researching the impact of ICT on student performance in literacy, numeracy, science or languages.

“Daylesford Primary school students have always actively participated in Hepburn Springs Swiss Italian Festa and other activities held in the shire to highlight the Italian heritage of the region and this new initiative within their Italian language program will further inspire students to appreciate the Italian language.” Mr Howard said.

“We are building a better education system for the future and we are doing it physically with bricks and mortar through the biggest schools rebuilding program in the state’s history and we are doing it in the classroom with better modern learning programs and new technology,” Mr Howard said.

“Through the Brumby Labor Government’s \$1.9 billion Victorian Schools Plan and the Rudd Labor Government’s economic stimulus funding for school rebuilding projects there has never been a greater effort or investment in Victorian schools and we will continue to invest in the services families need most.

“These technology grants are yet another fantastic way that Victorian schools are continuing to deliver the best possible education to give every student every opportunity to succeed in life.”

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“I look forward to seeing the creative projects Daylesford Primary and its students will produce.”