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FACILITY PLANNING

I realise that Facility Planning is in the forefront of schools at all times, but often planning to match forward need is left a little late.

In order to cover all the planning and design components of new facilities timing is very important.

If you wish to have a building or facilities in place for **2018** or **2019** you need to look at the following timeframe.

- For **2018** the planning should be completed before the end of this year so that it gives time for your architects to finalise drawings, apply for Council approval and, if necessary, go to tender before April/May in 2017 so that building can commence no later than July 2017 for occupation of facilities in January 2018. If it is merely an upgrade of existing facilities you may need to dovetail this into school holiday periods.
- For **2019** there are two (2) considerations. These are:
 - ◇ If you are planning to proceed without any expected capital assistance from the Government you have time, but do not leave it too late and follow the guide for a 2018 start.
 - ◇ If you wish to apply for capital assistance through the **Block Grant Authority** you should be planning **NOW**.

Grants available through the **Australian and Queensland State Government Grants Programs** include funding for the following:

- New Facilities
- Replacement of Facilities
- Upgrading/Refurbishment
- External Infrastructure Projects

Have you thought about **STEM** or **STEAM** facilities?

Early planning is important to develop an application that will provide the facilities you require. Remember, the facilities that your school will require in 2019 should be applied for in the 2017 Round.

We can assist you to identify what would be eligible for capital funding and show you how best to represent this in an application.

THE KEY IS TO SEEK ADVICE — GIVE US A CALL 3841 2847