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New-look College in the northeast opens its doors

A \$9.28 million redevelopment at Charles Campbell College will be officially opened today, showcasing a new library, classrooms and pedestrian crossing.

Education and Child Development Minister Susan Close will join staff, students and parents to tour the new and refurbished buildings, and will unveil a plaque at a formal ceremony.

"Today's ceremony is a chance to celebrate the final results of the merger of Campbelltown Primary School and Charles Campbell Secondary School in 2012.

"Charles Campbell College is a premier education hub in the northeast for students in Reception right through to Year 12.

"It not only operates under one leadership model, but it gives families in the community the chance to have a seamless education from start to finish," Dr Close said.

The \$9.28 million refurbishment updated the school's entrance, administration areas, staff preparation areas and developed a new lift and safe pedestrian crossing linking the senior campus and junior school.

Charles Campbell College Principal Sue George-Duif said the school was extremely lucky to be able to offer such a modern environment to students and staff.

"This amazing redevelopment has allowed two schools to come together as one close school community," she said.

"The response we have had about the new-look school from students, staff and families has been overwhelmingly positive.

"There is a great feeling when you walk onto the school grounds – everyone is proud the school, which feels very special to be a part of."

Dr Close said today was a chance for the school community to enjoy the work that has been done to transform the school.

"I hope students continue to be proud of their new surrounds and strive for the best educational outcomes."

“I commend both school communities for having the foresight to amalgamate. Now that the hard work is complete, this is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of those who have turned this dream into a reality.

A similar scheme is currently running to allow school and preschool communities to voluntarily amalgamate.

Amalgamated schools are eligible to keep 100% of the market value of any property deemed surplus as a result of an amalgamation. This, along with three years of savings achieved through amalgamation can then be used to upgrade school facilities.