

Springfield SHS starts year with new facilities

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Springfield Central State High School students Jennifer Stock, Alex Newton-Wade and Kate Jones. Rob Williams

STUDENTS and staff at Springfield Central State High will be celebrating more than just the start of a new school year.

The school, which officially opened in 2011, will soon see the completion of millions of dollars worth of extensions to its facilities.

Improvements will include six new science labs, a commercial kitchen, a three-storey teaching block, art and music facilities and two sports courts.

In addition to its extensions, Springfield Central will also welcome its first Year 7 and Year 11 students.

State Member for Bundamba Jo-Ann Miller said it would be the first state high school in the electorate to trial the instigation of Year 7 since the reform was announced by the State Government in 2011.

She said the move would benefit schools by creating a middle school learning environment which brought together Years 7, 8 and 9.

"Springfield Central is enrolment managed, meaning you have to live in the immediate vicinity to be eligible for enrolment," she said.

"So the a lot of Year 7s from Springfield Central Primary School and Springfield Lakes Primary School will be coming in.

"The principal and teaching staff at Springfield Central SHS are certainly very excited about being the first state high school taking Year 7's in 2013."

Mrs Miller said more than \$53 million had now been invested between Springfield Central High and Primary schools to benefit young people's future.