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LONDON CALLING: A little authentic touch of London (England) arrived in Mansfield on Saturday morning and did the 'rounds of town and the roundabout'. A true London Taxi was hired for a wedding at The Sebel Pinnacle Valley and on the way through, owner and driver Steven Olsen took the time to go round the town for a few laps, and being the character he is, gave shoppers and visitors his best royal wave. Steven's story on how he has brought a fleet of London Cabs to Victoria will appear in the next High Country Alive due out on December 21.
PHOTO: Pam Zierk-Mahoney

Rudolf Steiner school to receive \$1 million grant

By RHYLL McCORMACK

FOUR new classrooms will be built by the Mansfield Rudolf Steiner School after the announcement of a \$1 million grant by the Federal Government.

The buildings will be used to cater for the Mansfield Steiner School's (MSS) continued expansion into secondary year levels, with classes six, seven, eight and nine to be housed in the new buildings.

Announced last week by Senator Jane Hume, the money will come from the Capital Grants Program.

Plans and designs are already under way, with the two new buildings - two room modules - made primarily of timber and brick and to be built behind the Melliodora Hall.

"We are obviously delighted with this announcement and we are looking forward to offering year 9 to the greater Mansfield community in 2018," Mansfield Steiner School operations manager, Andrew Karzons, said.

"The approval of the grant provides money for much needed classroom space as we move from consolidated class levels."

Construction of the classrooms is expected to commence early next year, and it is hoped

that the first class will be operating from the buildings in 2018.

"The grant money will enable us as a school to support our growth in enrolments and support the provision of the International Baccalaureate in the coming years," Mr Karzons said.

Aiming to have tenders out before Christmas, the entire MSS school community is overjoyed at the funding allocation.

"These funds will ensure students at Mansfield Rudolf Steiner School have the infrastructure necessary to help them get the most out of their time at school," Senator Hume said

when making the announcement.

"The government is committed to improving the quality of our school education and ensuring students have access to the resources they need so they are equipped with the skills to succeed in an increasingly competitive world," Minister for Education and Training, Simon Birmingham, said.

"The government believes in an education system that puts students first."

The Capital Grants Program (CGP) has been providing funds, under one banner or another, since the late 1960s.

The program itself is a gen-

eral funding round for non-government schools, meaning those schools are able to provide facilities that they may not otherwise have the capacity to self-fund.

The current objectives of the CGP are to:

- provide and improve school capital infrastructure;
- ensure attention to refurbishment and upgrading of capital infrastructure for existing students, while making provision for needs arising from new demographics and enrolment trends; and
- pursue the Commonwealth's other priorities and objectives for schooling.



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