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Marri Grove Primary short of classrooms

Local MLA Tony Simpson is outrage at the fact that some children at Marri Grove Primary School have started schools without a classroom.

“All children deserve a good education, no matter where they attend school,” said Mr Simpson.

“I was shocked to hear that children at Marri Grove, a fairly new and modern school, haven’t been provided with a room. Instead they have been forced to use the schools activities room.”

Mr Simpson claims that the overcrowding experienced by Marri Grove is clear evidence of the fact that Byford needs another Primary School.

“A school the size of Marri Grove should probably only have around 340 students,” he said.

“Last year Marri Grove had 360 students and this year it has 390.

“The Department of Education should have realised there was a problem a long time before now and made alternative arrangements. The growth of Byford is not a new thing.

“Byford Primary School is experiencing similar growth, increasing its numbers by nearly 40 students this year.

“It generally takes about four years to plan and build a new school. Even if the Government started now, it wouldn’t be soon enough.

“If they don’t start building a new school now, we will see more and more of our children starting the year without a classroom.

“The State Government needs to take this situation seriously and provide the children of Byford with the learning experience they deserve.

“If this State Government can’t even find our children a classroom, how can we trust them to manage a \$100 Billion economy?”