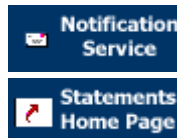


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### Exciting new educational development for Armadale

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The Gallop Government will fund a \$100,000 study into developing a major educational precinct in the Armadale town centre.

Planning and Infrastructure Minister Alannah MacTiernan said the facility strategy and design study would be undertaken through the Armadale Redevelopment Authority and would coincide with the Department of Education and Training's Local Area Plan for Armadale.

"We are looking at the possibility of establishing a state-of-the-art educational facility right in the heart of Armadale," Ms MacTiernan said.

"The new centre will be approximately three to four storeys high and built according to best practice energy efficiency standards.

"It will house the Armadale City Library and an internet café on the ground floor and general classroom facilities on the upper levels.

"The plan is for the new centre to house local Year 11 and 12 students, Curtin University, TAFE and Open Learning Australia."

The Minister said the Department of Education and Training would undertake community consultation as part of their Local Area Plan, which would explore the option of the dedicated senior high school campus at the new facility.

"This is an exciting development for Armadale and will provide greater educational opportunities for all residents," she said.

"Its close proximity to the train station will ensure all students - young and old - will have easy access to the centre.

"It will also add to the increasing buzz of the Armadale town centre, which is moving ahead in leaps and bounds."

The study will be complete by mid-2005.

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