

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Italian Ambassador visits Bilingual School**

On 23 March 2010, the **Italian Ambassador Gian Ludovico De Martino di Montegiordano** paid the **Italian Bilingual School** a special visit. Accompanied by the **Italian Consulate Benedetto Latteri**, his **Educational Attachè Dott. Sergio Rapisardi** and management and Board members of Co.As.It., he was treated to a tour of the newly upgraded school site at Casa d'Italia.

Whilst observing all the classes in action, the group witnessed bilingual education in full swing and the precious skills that the students gain from this unique approach. They also saw all the changes that have taken place to the school thanks to the funding provided by the Building Education Revolution initiative. These include:-

- New COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area)
- Repainted walls
- New carpet
- New air conditioning
- Two new classrooms equipped with special audio features
- An internal school phone system
- A state-of-the-art Interactive Whiteboard in every classroom
- Access to a video conferencing facility
- The foundations of a new school library (shelving, software and scanner, new English and Italian books)
- New technology, including a school administration software package, a new school server, computer trolleys and wireless capability
- 60 new netbook laptops
- New printers
- 12 Macintosh laptops
- 12 iPod Touch units

The visit culminated with the Ambassador joining the entire school in singing both the Australian and Italian national anthems at the school assembly. The students of the Italian Bilingual School presented a memento to the Ambassador in gratitude for his visit and a memorable day all-round.

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