Labor's school promise

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LABOR has promised to build two new school gymnasiums and upgrade science laboratories at six schools in the Kogarah and Oatley electorates if re-elected on Saturday.

Upgraded toilets, new security fences and a food technology classroom are included in a $12.77 million program, announced yesterday by Kogarah MP Cherie Burton and Georges River MP Kevin Greene.

Principals of the schools involved, along with student and parent representatives, were invited to the announcement at Blakehurst High School.

The promised projects, to be delivered over the next four years, are part of the state-wide Building Better Schools plan, announced by Premier Morris Iemma at Labor’s campaign launch at Hurstville last month.

Blakehurst High and St George Girls High each have been promised a gymnasium.

Science laboratory upgrades are on the agenda for Beverly Hills Girls High, Georges River College (Penshurst Girls campus), Blakehurst High, Kingsgrove High, Kogarah High and Sydney Technical High.

A commitment was given to upgrade a food technology classroom at Kogarah High.

Security fences have been promised for Georges River College (Penshurst Girls campus and Hurstville Boys campus), Lugarno Public, Oatley West Public and Blakehurst High.

The MPs said toilets would be upgraded at three primary schools – Oatley West, Peakhurst South and Connells Point.