

School buildings need attention

The education of hundreds of students is suffering due to the poor condition of old, outdated classrooms at Port Lincoln High School.

For the largest secondary school in the Flinders electorate, conditions are terrible, with the majority of classrooms offering no air-conditioning, and limited air ventilation.

Member for Flinders Peter Treloar has invited the Education Minister to visit the school, to witness the difficult conditions first hand.

“How can we expect students and staff to work and learn productively, when many of these rooms record 30 degrees or more at 7.30am,” Mr Treloar said.

“Consequently, staff and student absenteeism is high.”

While a hot weather policy allows students to return home early on hot days, students are missing out on precious learning time.

“I find it astounding that the State Government has allowed these 30 to 40-year-old buildings to remain on the property, let alone still be used by staff and students,” Mr Treloar said.

“It is high time these classrooms are upgraded. The staff, students and families of Port Lincoln should not be neglected any longer.

“It appears that school maintenance across the Eyre Peninsula has been neglected, with various other schools reporting similar concerns.”