



New homes for teachers in Moree

THE NSW government is giving almost \$1.2 million to build more houses for teachers in Moree, in a bid to bring new teaching staff to the area.

Six single-bedroom units would be constructed in Amaroo Dr and Blueberry Rd by the Teacher Housing Authority, Education Minister Adrian Piccoli said.

“One of the challenges with attracting and retaining teachers in rural areas is the general lack of suitable accommodation,” he said.

“In many areas, there is limited accommodation available in the rental market and what is available often fails to meet teachers’ and their families’ needs.

“The Teacher Housing Authority provides an invaluable service to rural and remote communities across the state.”

Moree Secondary School principal Denis Armstrong said the new housing allowed staff to focus on providing quality teaching.

“Rather than worrying about where our teachers will live or if they are comfortable, we can focus on delivering quality education to our students,” Mr Armstrong said.



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The Teacher Housing Authority manages about 1400 residences across 250 rural communities in NSW and, since 2011, more than 50 new residences have been built for teachers in remote areas.

Finance and Services Minister Dominic Perrottet said the overall \$15 million investment was a vital contribution to the education sector and successfully curbed insufficient supply in the private rental market.