

# From the ashes

MEMBER for Myall Lakes Stephen Bromhead toured Chatham High School's new facilities yesterday before officially opening the new block at a special assembly.

The \$7.5m project restored the block that was destroyed by fire in 2008 and features state of the art hospitality, science and staff facilities as well as general classrooms.

"The phoenix has risen from the ashes," Mr Bromhead told the assembly.

"I'm pleased to open this marvellous facility and I thank the Chatham High School community for your patience. This is a modern and attractive facility that is well suited to Chatham High School which has a reputation for quality education and positive outcomes."

Principal Willem Holvast, who guided Mr Bromhead on his tour of the facility, called the opening a "great moment for the school" and that Chatham High School now offered unique education opportunities for students as a result of the restoration.

"We now have a lot of state of the art stuff that not many schools have," Mr Holvast said.

"I thank you all for being here on a day that celebrates the fact we now have something unique in education to offer our students."



Something to be proud of: Myall Lakes MP Stephen Bromhead (left) toured Chatham High School's new facility with principal Willem Holvast (right).