

# Media Release

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## **BETTER SCHOOLS IN FIRE-AFFECTED AREAS OF EAST GIPPSLAND**

The Andrews Labor Government is upgrading school facilities in bushfire-affected areas, with funding announced for five schools in East Gippsland.

Minister for Education James Merlino today announced Clifton Creek Primary School, Mallacoota P-12 College, Cann River P-12 College, Metung Primary School and Buchan Primary School will share in \$1.3 million.

Mallacoota P-12 College will receive \$904,000 to upgrade its roofing, install a safer electrical system, build a covered pathway to the library, resurface its car park, repair pathways, replace windows and guttering, build a new storage shed, and refurbish and re-layout its science block, and administration and staff areas.

Cann River P-12 College will receive \$168,000 for new carpets and to build a new fitness station, while Metung Primary School will receive \$146,000 to demolish and replace its toilet block.

Buchan Primary School will receive \$84,000 to undertake minor maintenance works, including painting the school and upgrading fluorescent lights to LED lights.

Clifton Creek Primary School, which was lost in the summer's bushfires, will receive a further \$29,000 to build a bus shelter within the school property beside the car park entrance.

The Labor Government has invested \$6.1 billion to deliver more than 1,400 school upgrades and supporting more than 7,500 construction jobs for Victorians.

The Labor Government is building the Education State so that every student can access a great local school and education.

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino**

*"We're building better facilities in these area's devastated by fire, because we know how important good local schools are to communities."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Jane Garrett**

*"These bushfires have devastated many communities across East Gippsland and we're doing everything we can to support students and staff."*