

Media Release

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EXTRA \$2.4M FOR EXFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL UPGRADE

The Victorian Government will fix old buildings and upgrade more schools in a state-wide construction blitz that will create thousands of jobs and help Victoria's economy rebound from the coronavirus crisis.

Member for Melton Steve McGhie today announced Exford Primary School will get a \$2.4 million upgrade as part of a state-wide construction blitz that will create thousands of jobs and kickstart Victoria's economy.

In addition to the \$6.2 million provided in the *Victorian Budget 19/20*, the Victorian Government is providing \$2.4 million to upgrade Exford Primary School's water and sewerage site services.

The additional \$2.4 million is part of \$388.8 million being provided to deliver 57 upgrade and modernisation projects at schools across Victoria, including all school upgrade projects committed to by the Victorian Government at the 2018 election.

The upgrade works at Exford Primary School also includes replacing old relocatable buildings with new permanent classrooms.

This project is part of the Victorian Government's *Building Works* package, which will deliver \$2.7 billion in shovel-ready projects – big and small – to get thousands of people back to work across our state.

The package includes a \$1.18 billion education building program will also build new schools, deliver and refurbish relocatable classrooms and make schools more accessible for students and staff with disabilities.

Together, the projects will create space for more than 21,000 extra students in Victoria's education system and create more than 1,600 local construction jobs in communities across Victoria.

This \$1.18 billion education building program is in addition to the \$6.1 billion invested by the Victorian Government on delivering school upgrades since 2014, supporting more than 7,500 construction jobs for Victorians.

The Victorian Government is building the Education State so everyone can get a great education, no matter their background or where they live.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

"This investment will upgrade Exford Primary School, create local jobs and help our economy recover from coronavirus."

"The project at Exford Primary School is yet another great example of the school building boom that is happening right across Victoria."

Quote attributable to Member for Melton Steve McGhie

"The upgrades at Exford Primary School will ensure that local students have access to a quality schools and modern facilities meaning they will get the most out of their education."

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