

Media Release

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UPGRADING ELMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL BRICK BY BRICK

This year, Elmore families have done an incredible job in supporting students to learn from home. As kids get back into the classroom, we want to make sure they have the fantastic new learning spaces they deserve.

The Andrews Labor Government has built and upgraded more schools than any other government in our state's history, and the *Victorian Budget 2020/21* continues that record of investment.

Minister for Education James Merlino and Member for Bendigo East Jacinta Allan today announced Elmore Primary School will receive \$1.198 million to upgrade and modernise the school.

This investment builds on the \$1.18 billion as part of the *Building Works Package* announced earlier this year, which is creating space for more than 21,000 extra students in Victoria's education system and creating around 1,600 local construction jobs.

Across Victoria, the Labor Government is delivering 1,460 school upgrades – investing in new classrooms, fixing old buildings and delivering the learning spaces our kids deserve.

The Labor Government's unprecedented \$7.2 billion investment in Victorian school infrastructure is not only creating 7,500 jobs – it is ensuring that every child has a great local school where they can achieve their best.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

"This is an investment in our kids and their future. Because every child, no matter where they go to school, deserves access to state-of-the-art facilities."

"Schools are the heart of our communities, so it makes sense that we're investing in upgrades to support local jobs to drive our economic recovery."

Quotes attributable to Member for Bendigo East Jacinta Allan

"Families in Elmore have done a phenomenal job in supporting students to learn from home. As kids return to their classrooms, we want to make Elmore Primary School better than before."

"Not only will this make sure our kids are getting a great education – it'll create new local jobs."