

Media Release

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NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS TO SHARE IN FUNDING BOOST

The Andrews Labor Government is ensuring Catholic and independent school students benefit from its record investment in infrastructure, through a new round of its \$402 million contribution to fund upgrades for the non-government school sector.

Minister for Education James Merlino today opened applications for round three of the Non-Government Schools Capital Fund, which supports projects such as building new schools and increasing capacity or upgrading facilities at existing schools. It also provides funding for the removal of asbestos and cladding in these schools.

The opening of round three has been brought forward to provide funding sooner for capital projects that ensure the creation of more local jobs for Victorians in the wake of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Applications for round three close on Monday 15 February 2021.

Round two of the fund delivered almost \$145 million toward 56 projects in the Catholic and independent school sector.

To date, the Labor Government has allocated \$249 million from the fund, with co-contributions from Catholic and independent schools, for a total estimated \$419 million for 99 projects. This is estimated to have supported more than 1,000 construction jobs.

With more than one-third of students in Victoria attending independent and Catholic schools, the Victorian Government is ensuring all students benefit from better school infrastructure.

Non-government schools can apply for grants between \$50,000 and \$5 million. For further details on the program and how to apply, visit: www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/Pages/Non-Government-Schools-Grants-Program.aspx

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

“Every student deserves access to modern school facilities, and with more than one-third of Victorian students attending non-government schools they’ll be sharing in our record investment.”

“We’re making Victoria the Education State – that means cutting-edge learning spaces and better-quality buildings across all sectors of education, including non-government schools.”