

Media Release

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SITE SECURED AND BUILDER APPOINTED FOR NEW SAN REMO CAMPUS

Students on the Bass Coast are one step closer to getting new modern learning facilities after the Andrews Labor Government secured land for a new junior campus of Wonthaggi Secondary College to be built in San Remo.

Minister for Education James Merlino and Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale today announced a site has been secured and a builder appointed for the multi-million dollar campus for Year 7-9 students.

The site is located on Potters Hill Road in San Remo and construction is expected to start in February 2021. SJ Higgins has been appointed as the builder.

The new campus will open in 2022 and is in addition to the school's two existing campuses, including the McBride Senior Campus that opened this year.

The new junior campus will include an administration building and library, ultra-modern classrooms and separate specialist and innovation buildings. Another building will house a competition-grade gym and spaces to cater for food technology, music and performing arts.

The campus will also include a football oval and outdoor sports courts.

The community will get a chance to have its say on the name of both the new campus and the school when consultation opens in February 2021.

In the past five years, the Labor Government has invested more than \$9 billion in more than 1,600 school upgrades – creating more than 10,000 construction jobs – and is now ahead of schedule of its commitment to open 100 new schools by 2026, with 48 new schools opening between 2019 and 2022.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

"We are building new and modern facilities to provide students on the Bass Coast with the learning facilities that they deserve. We made a commitment to this community to deliver this school and that is exactly what we are doing."

"We are providing students and teachers across the state 21st Century learning facilities to enable them to reach their full potential – that's why Victoria is the Education State."

Quote attributable to the Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale

"This is a huge step forward for the project that will make a real difference to the families across the Bass Coast. I can't wait to visit the site early next year to turn the first sod and get construction underway."