

# Media Release

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## REJUVENATING HALLAM SECONDARY FOR THE GROWING SOUTH-EAST

The Victorian Government is making sure families in one of Melbourne's fastest-growing urban areas will have access to a first-rate secondary school for years 7 to 12 in the coming years.

Minister for Education James Merlino and Member for Narre Warren North Luke Donnellan today announced plans to reorganise and expand Hallam Senior Secondary College, catering for growing demand in Melbourne's south-east and giving families certainty they will have a quality local school for their entire secondary schooling journey.

The plans will see the school progressively move from a Year 10-12 to a Year 7-12 school from Term One 2023, allowing it to increase enrolments.

To lead this change, the school will recruit a new executive principal to replace the retiring principal from January 2022, with the role to be advertised in the coming days.

The plans also include a renaming and rebranding of the school as it takes on a Year 7-9 cohort, with the school's current strengths at senior level in vocational education and its Sports Academy to be supplemented by a broader offering of VCE subjects for its growing student cohort.

Hallam Senior Secondary College will add Year 7 in 2023, Year 8 in 2024 and Year 9 in 2025, with neighbouring secondary school zones adjusted to accommodate the new student intakes

Its partnerships with Timbarra P-9 and Doveton P-9 College will be maintained, to ensure the continuing strength of those feeder schools and deliver clear pathways into Hallam for the senior secondary years.

In the past seven years, the Government has invested more than \$10.9 billion in building new schools and more than 1,700 school upgrades, creating around 13,500 jobs in construction and associated industries.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

*"We're ensuring local students have the best facilities, our classrooms have the best teachers and every Victorian child has the best chance to succeed."*

*"This plan will meet the growing demand in our south-eastern suburbs and make sure every student has access to a quality school for their entire secondary school life."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Narre Warren North Luke Donnellan

*"Our community is one of the fastest-growing in Melbourne – and we're keeping pace with it, delivering the high-quality education options every Victorian family deserves."*