

Media Release

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SUPPORTING FUTURE FARMERS THROUGH AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

The Andrews Labor Government is supporting the next generation of farmers with significant upgrades to Longerenong College in western Victoria.

Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Victoria Danielle Green announced \$6.5 million towards facility upgrades at the agricultural college as part of the *Agricultural College Modernisation Program*.

Construction is in full swing, with the completed site set to accommodate up to 41 additional students at one of Victoria's leading tertiary institutions for agricultural training.

Victoria's growing agriculture sector needs more skilled workers with digital, business, risk and marketing skills, as well as food and fibre entrepreneurs who can take products to international markets.

Longerenong College has been awarded funding to build accommodation, a communal building for conferences and student gatherings and provide other on-campus improvements.

These improvements will create stronger learning pathways for agriculture through better facilities that enhance student learning as well as ensuring more students can live on site and benefit from the full immersive experience of living on-campus.

The investment is part of the \$50 million *Agriculture College Modernisation* program, which has allocated \$20 million to upgrade facilities at Longerenong College, the University of Melbourne's Dookie Campus and Marcus Oldham College in Geelong.

The *Agricultural College Modernisation Program* is delivering on the Labor Government's 10-year Agriculture Strategy to support the skills of the future and help more Victorians pursue an exciting career in agriculture.

For more information visit agriculture.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Victoria Danielle Green

"This project is going to make a huge difference to Victoria's next generation of farmers and industry professionals. It's an exciting development that will enhance the education and career pathways for young people in the agricultural sector."

"The construction at Longerenong College will provide students with modern facilities that foster their learning and prepare them for the agricultural jobs of the future."