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## MORE OPTIONS FOR CLYDE STUDENTS WITH TWO NEW SCHOOLS

Students in Clyde are kicking off the school year in two brand-new schools, as part of the Andrews Labor Government's work to deliver a great education for families in Victoria's fastest-growing areas.

Minister for Education James Merlino today officially opened the new Clyde Creek Primary School and Clyde Secondary College, which will provide places for up to 550 primary students and 1300 secondary students – including 100 dedicated places for secondary students with disability.

Clyde Secondary College, led by founding principal Konnie Prades, features world-class, modern classrooms, a performing arts building and a science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) building alongside a dedicated Physical Education building, featuring an indoor multi-sport court.

The new school also includes two outdoor hardcourts, a bike shelter and outdoor play and learning areas – and as a supported inclusion school, features wider corridors for wheelchairs, enhanced accessible toilets fitted with hoists, covered walkways and kitchen facilities that cater for students with dietary or medication requirements.

The Clyde Creek Primary School campus includes two modern 'learning neighbourhoods', alongside a third administration and learning building.

Led by founding principal Jodie Bray, the new school site also includes a multi-use Performing Arts and Physical Education building, featuring an indoor multi-sport court, two outdoor hard courts, a sports field and playgrounds.

As part of the Labor Government's promise to build a kindergarten on or next to every new Victorian primary school, the Eliston Family and Community Centre is located next door to Clyde Creek Primary – saving families time and helping them ditch the dreaded double drop-off each day.

The schools are two of 14 new schools the Labor Government has opened in 2022 as part of its work to deliver 100 new schools by 2026 – with 48 of those schools now open for students and families right across the state.

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.

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino**

*"We're delivering on our promise to keep pace with our growing city and state – and it's so exciting to see two new schools opening to make sure families in Clyde have access to a fantastic education throughout their school years."*

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Early Childhood Education Ingrid Stitt**

*"By building a kinder alongside every new primary school we're helping growing families in our booming south-eastern suburbs, with just one drop-off for their kinder and primary school kids to save precious time each day."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale**

*"Our Clyde and surrounding communities are growing and families deserve to have the best educational opportunities and learning environments close to home. These two new schools compliment the wonderful existing schools in the area, with more to come."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Cranbourne Pauline Richards**

*"All the very best to students starting at Clyde Creek Primary and Clyde Secondary this week – I hope you have a wonderful time at these brand-new schools, and I can't wait to hear about your successes for years to come."*

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