

Media Release

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON NEW SCHOOL NAMES

Communities across Victoria are encouraged to have their say in naming the new schools opening in their area in 2023, as consultation on the new names for 12 new schools the Andrews Labor Government is opening in 2023 gets underway.

Minister for Education James Merlino today opened an online survey giving local communities the chance to have their say on their preferred name for their new neighbourhood school.

The Labor Government is seeking the community's input to help find a name for the school that reflects its unique identity, inspires local pride and makes the school easily locatable.

The 12 schools, currently known by their interim names, are:

- Camms Road Primary School
- Hayes Hill Primary School
- Holyoake Parade Primary School
- Lollypop Creek Primary School
- Merrifield West Secondary School
- Mount Ridley Special School
- Officer Rix Road Primary School
- Riverdale East Primary School
- Rockbank Murray Road Primary School
- Tarneit Missen House Primary School
- Wollert East Secondary School
- Wollert West Primary School

In addition, a new campus for North Melbourne Primary School will open in 2023, as part of the Labor Government's work to deliver 100 new schools between 2019 and 2026.

This work is well ahead of schedule — 75 of these new schools have already been funded or opened, with 13 new schools opening in 2023 and a further 14 new schools opening in 2024.

The shortlisted names for each school were identified by Regional Advisory and Traditional Owners groups, based on factors including public interest, relevance to the local area, and the consideration of local Indigenous languages.

In the past eight years, the Labor Government has invested \$12.8 billion in building new schools and more than 1,850 school upgrades, creating around 17,400 jobs in construction and associated industries.

To have your say, visit <https://engage.vic.gov.au/2023-new-schools-school-naming>

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

"Right across the state we're building new schools to make sure that no matter where they live, every child has the chance to get a great education."

"We want to give all communities the opportunity to play a meaningful role in shaping the identity and future of their local new school, and ensure each school reflects the unique character of its local community. I can't wait to hear the community's thoughts on the shortlisted names."

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