

# Media Release

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## IMPROVING ACCESS TO ASHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

The Andrews Labor Government is creating a new entry point for parents whose students attend Ashwood High School, to ensure a smoother and quicker journey to and from school.

Motorists travelling along High Street Road will be able to access Ashwood High School and the busy netball facilities with a new 'Left-In-Left-Out' entry point.

The upgrade is part of the Labor Government's \$125.7 million *Metropolitan Road Upgrades Program* announced in the *2022/23 State Budget*.

Providing an alternative route will reduce traffic flow along the surrounding local roads, which often see an increase in congestion during school pick-up and drop-off times, as well as during Saturday netball peak periods.

Design and planning work on the upgrade are expected to commence in 2023.

In a further boost for the school community, the new bus *Route 624 Kew to Oakleigh* will provide an additional deviation in the morning and afternoon school peak to stop at Ashwood High School, giving students direct access to and from school and another option about how they choose to travel.

The deviation will also connect students between Ashwood High School and Oakleigh Station, providing a smooth transition between bus and train services.

The new school deviation is proposed to commence at the start of Term 1 2023.

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety and Public Transport Ben Carroll**

*"We're improving the local road and bus network to meet the demands of the school community – benefitting students, parents and staff."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Burwood Will Fowles**

*"Hundreds of staff, students and netballers access Ashwood High School every week - this new entrance will improve accessibility and safety for all users, as well as reducing congestion on local roads."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Mount Waverley Matt Fregon**

*"This investment will ensure students have improved connections and access to Ashwood High School, keeping traffic flowing on surrounding local roads and helping to ease congestion during peak times."*