

Media Release

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MAINTENANCE BLITZ FOR MORE THAN 100 VICTORIAN SCHOOLS

Students and teachers at more than 100 Victorian schools will benefit when a maintenance blitz gets underway.

Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins said the blitz – which includes painting, resurfacing and fixing roofs and windows – will be carried out on a total of 111 schools, as part of the Term 3 Planned Maintenance Program.

The program will see the schools share in \$11.24 million of funding for the works to take place, which also includes replacing floors, works to grounds and classrooms and external landscaping works to pathways and lighting.

The blitz will ensure the schools are safe, modern and properly upheld. It comes in addition to the \$28.4 million in funding allocated over the last term, \$4.27 million already provided to 47 schools through the Term 2 Planned Maintenance Program, and the \$5.84 million provided to 57 schools through the Term 1 Planned Maintenance Program.

This funding also covers an ongoing program to inspect and repair or replace solar power systems across 737 school campuses.

In the past eight years, the Andrews 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.

The Labor Government is now ahead of schedule in opening 100 new schools by 2026, with 75 new schools opening between 2019 and 2024 – ensuring every student can access a great local school and a quality education no matter where they live.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins

“This program is about ensuring that every Victorian school is well maintained and safe to provide the best possible environment for students to learn in.”

“Our record investment in school infrastructure is delivering high quality classrooms for our hard-working principals, teachers and staff, as well as students and families.”