

# Media Release

**The Hon Natalie Hutchins MP**

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## **NEW SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR NEWCOMB SECONDARY COLLEGE**

Students at Newcomb Secondary College will now be able to enjoy brand new music spaces, systems technology rooms and a STEM activity room, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins today visited the school to officially open its new \$6 million upgrade.

The new music spaces include practice rooms and instrumental teaching rooms with state-of-the-art acoustic treatment, while the new STEM activity room includes a presentation space with a retractable screen and seating for more than 140 people.

The new systems technology rooms feature innovation and design spaces, which will be used to introduce students to the concepts of low and high-tech systems through practical work like repairing bicycles and woodwork.

In 2019, Newcomb Secondary College also received \$200,000 for a new sensory garden to support students with disabilities and additional needs, as part of the Inclusive Schools Fund.

The Labor Government launched the Inclusive Schools Fund in 2015 after the Liberals spent four years neglecting students with additional needs, helping Victorian schools support students who require extra facilities to fully participate, learn, develop and succeed.

In the past eight years, the 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 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**

*“It’s exciting to officially open these new facilities at Newcomb Secondary College – which will provide students with the top-class music and learning spaces they deserve.”*

*“We’re building the education state – ensuring all students have the facilities and best spaces to learn in and every child is given every chance to succeed.”*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Geelong Christine Couzens**

*“These new facilities will provide a huge benefit to Newcomb Secondary College – providing students and staff with the first-class facilities they deserve.”*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Bellarine Lisa Neville**

*“This is great news for the school – with these new facilities to give students at Newcomb Secondary College more modern spaces to learn in.”*

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