

# Media Release

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## NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL A STEP CLOSER IN MELBOURNE'S WEST

Students in Melbourne's west are a step closer to learning and thriving in a brand-new primary school, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins today visited Brookfield to announce 3.5 hectares of land has been acquired to develop the new Brookfield Primary School (interim name).

The new school will give students access to modern classrooms and learning spaces that are close to home, as well as reduce pressure on the area's existing schools.

It's expected to open its doors in 2024 and will cater for 575 students.

The *Victorian Budget 2022/23* included more than \$527 million for the construction of 14 new schools across the state – including the development of Brookfield Primary School.

It comes on top of the \$276.4 million allocated in the *Victorian Budget 2021/22* to purchase land for these schools in urban growth areas.

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 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 is such exciting news for Melbourne's west – with the new Brookfield Primary School a step closer to being developed – giving families and students the best local education."*

*"We're continuing to build and upgrade schools across the state so our students have the best spaces to learn, our classrooms have the best teachers and every child is given every chance to succeed."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Melton Steve McGhie

*"The new Brookfield Primary School will provide a huge benefit to families and students in the area – with modern classrooms and learning spaces that are close to home."*