

Media Release

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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR PRINCIPALS TO JOIN NEW VICTORIAN SCHOOLS

The Andrews Labor Government is giving current and aspiring school principals the chance to lead at 14 brand new schools set to open across the state next year.

Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins today announced applications are open for principal positions at the new schools in 2024.

The schools – known by their interim names – include:

- Aintree Secondary School
- Aintree Specialist School
- Alexander Boulevard Primary School
- Black Forest East Primary School
- Brookfield Primary School
- Lockerbie Central Primary School
- Lollypop Creek Secondary School
- Lollypop Creek Specialist School
- Merrifield South Primary School
- Officer Brunt Road Primary School
- Riverdale Secondary School
- Tarneit North Primary School
- Truganina North Primary School
- Truganina North Secondary School

The principals will be able to start at the new schools in Term 2, giving them nine months to prepare for the 2024 school year. They will also need to recruit teachers and staff, design a curriculum and organisational structures that help achieve the school's vision and values and create an identity for the school through its logo and uniform.

The Labor Government is attracting new teachers into the workforce by providing places for 1,200 postgraduate students to work in schools while studying, recruiting international teachers to Victoria, and providing financial incentives to support teachers joining hard-to-staff schools.

The *Victorian Budget 2022/23* includes \$779 million to recruit 1,900 extra teachers to reduce face-to-face teaching hours and give teachers more time for planning, preparation, assessment and developing teaching practices – as well as \$58.9 million over four years to attract and develop quality teachers in all Victorian schools.

Since 2014, 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 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.

Current and aspiring principals can apply to lead the new schools through the Department of Education's Recruitment Online portal. Applications close on Thursday, 9 February 2023.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins

"The school principal is a unique and critical role which requires dedicated educational leaders to go above and beyond to both inspire and support our students and staff."

"I encourage all current and aspiring school principals to apply and lead these new schools in 2024 – to give every student access to a great learning experience and ensure they have the best education."

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