

Media Release

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier



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NEW STUDENT ACCOMMODATION FOR MARYBOROUGH HOSPITAL

The Andrews Labor Government has delivered a new multi-million-dollar Accommodation hub for Healthcare students and trainees at Maryborough District Health Service, in Victoria's Goldfields.

Premier Daniel Andrews and Member for Ripon Martha Haylett today officially opened the new 20-bed student accommodation hub – delivered as part of the \$4 million development.

The new accommodation will provide a comfortable and convenient place for medical, nursing and allied health students to stay during training and work placements. The facility features 20 single bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms, along with communal living, kitchen, dining areas and landscaped gardens.

Complementing state-of-the-art training facilities and education programs already available in Maryborough, the new accommodation will help attract more undergraduate and postgraduate students to kick start their careers in the healthcare sector.

The project was funded through the Labor Government's \$790 million *Regional Health Infrastructure Fund* (RHIF) and delivered by the Maryborough District Health Service in partnership with the Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA).

The new student accommodation builds on the Labor Government's unprecedented investment of \$100 million in the 2021/22 State Budget to redevelop and expand the Maryborough and District Hospital.

This project will deliver a new urgent care centre, a 32-bed inpatient/birthing unit, two operating theatres, recovery spaces, a medical centre with imaging and pathology services. Early works are now underway with the project on track to be completed by late 2024.

Since 2014, the Labor Government's investments in the healthcare system and the workers who support it, total more than \$133 billion.

Quotes attributable to Premier Daniel Andrews

"This new student accommodation hub will ensure our future healthcare workers have can learn and thrive at Maryborough and District Hospital."

"We're delivering the biggest infrastructure project in Maryborough history – creating more local jobs and giving local families access to the world-class healthcare they deserve."

Quotes attributable to Member for Ripon Martha Haylett

"With this project and the massive redevelopment of the Maryborough and District Health Service, the Andrews Labor Government is delivering the best possible healthcare facilities and services for our community."