

Media Release

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WORLD-CLASS EDUCATOR LEARNING CENTRE OPENS IN MOE

Teachers and school leaders across Gippsland and Latrobe Valley will have access to world-class professional learning resources, with the state-wide expansion of the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership.

Seven new centres will open across the state after a \$33.8 million investment by the Andrews Labor Government to deliver the Academy to regional locations, with Moe the third centre to open after Geelong and Ballarat.

The initiative supports local teachers and school leaders across Gippsland and Latrobe Valley with a new hub now open to engage in development and training, offering a range of learning initiatives, programs and events dedicated to leadership and teaching excellence.

Regional centres have already opened in Geelong and Ballarat, with further regional centres to open in Bairnsdale, Bendigo, Mildura, and Shepparton. The headquarters of the Academy was opened in Melbourne early 2022.

Establishment of the seven regional centres is an important new service for rural and regional schools, offering local teachers the opportunity to collaborate, learn and develop new skills and educational approaches that translate to better learning outcomes for regional and rural kids.

Backing the needs of local school communities, each Academy will be supported by local teams and provide regional teachers the same high quality professional learning as the Academy's metropolitan counterpart.

The Academy is an Australian-first and dedicated to delivering teaching excellence and advanced professional learning for high-performing teachers and school leaders in government, Catholic and Independent schools.

Serving a unique position to elevate the profession and influence teaching, the Academy serves to deliver leadership and excellence in all Victorian schools. For more information visit academy.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins

"Every Victorian kid deserves the very best education, that's why we're backing local school leaders and teachers with the support they need to deliver better learning outcomes for kids across the state."

"Our new regional Academy hubs are offering world-class teaching resources to schools across the state, ensuring regional and rural teachers have access to the best educator resources to deliver for local kids."

Quote attributable to Dr Marcia Devlin AM, CEO Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership

"Opening our new Academy centre in Moe is another exciting step closer to ensuring all teachers and school leaders across Victoria have access to world-class professional learning programs and we look forward to welcoming all local educators to our new facility."

Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing

"The new Academy is providing more teachers across Gippsland with the support and resources to help all kids to reach their full potential, and is a valuable way to recognise the tireless efforts of our teachers in positively shaping the lives of their students."

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