

Media Release

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IMPORTANT SCHOOL UPGRADES AND MINOR CAPITAL WORKS

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering Victorian students the first-class facilities they deserve, supporting better learning outcomes with upgrades and maintenance - rolling out at schools across the state.

Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins has opened the new \$10 million grants round of the Minor Capital Works Fund, encouraging schools to apply for grants of up to \$500,000 to support projects including refurbishing classrooms, new playground equipment and bike sheds.

Every Victorian student deserves a safe and inviting school environment, that's why the Labor Government has invested \$131.8 million to improve the condition and character of more than 480 schools through previous rounds of the Minor Capital Works Fund.

More than 350 Victorian schools will also embark on a maintenance blitz in coming weeks – with \$13.5 million allocated through the Planned Maintenance and Bushfire Preparedness programs, ensuring more schools have the support they need to deliver essential works and repairs every school requires.

Forty-eight schools across the state will share in \$5.32 million in planned maintenance funding for more than 95 projects, with important works including stormwater management, lighting maintenance and structural repairs.

Nearly 325 schools have been allocated a total of more than \$8.2 million for vegetation clearing and activities that reduce the risk of harm from a bushfire, providing a safer environment for students and the beating heart of communities across the state.

The Planned Maintenance Program provides funding to address high-priority issues, with the funding stream ensuring every school has the resources to ensure a safe, modern and properly maintained environment.

In the past nine years, the Andrews Labor Government has invested \$14.9 billion to build new schools and deliver more than 1,940 school upgrades.

More information is available at schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/minor-capital-works-fund, with schools encouraged to apply before applications close on 21 July.

Quotes Attributable to Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins

“Every student should have access to a great school no matter where they live, that’s why we’re supporting local schools with the resources they need to make a difference to the educational outcomes of students across the state.”

“Our record investment in school infrastructure is delivering for our hard-working school communities, while ensuring that right here in Victoria we continue to be recognised as the nation’s Education State.”

“The Planned Maintenance Program funds repairs and essential maintenance in local schools across Victoria, ensuring all students and staff have safe and modern learning facilities they need to thrive.”