

Media Release

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NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS GET FUNDING BOOST

The Andrews Labor Government is making sure students at non-government schools have access to world class facilities through our new school building fund.

Low-fee Catholic and independent schools in Victoria are set to shine through the Government's \$450 million Building Fund for Non-Government Schools - helping upgrade and build facilities - to provide students with a modern and tailored learning environment.

Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins said the program would allow the Catholic and the independent sector to increase capacity or upgrade facilities at existing schools – delivering greater learning opportunities as campuses grow and develop.

Schools can apply for grants of between \$50,000 and \$3.6 million to expand or upgrade existing facilities, with grants of up to \$6 million available for building new schools or new campuses.

This fund ensures that hard-working families get the best and safest environments for their children in the non-government school sector, and that upgrades and expansions of school facilities can happen sooner.

This funding boost will support independent and non-government schools to create learning spaces that give teachers up-to-date facilities that create a positive learning environment for students.

This commitment builds on the two previous Non-Government Schools Capital Fund programs, which have delivered a \$520 million investment since 2016 to increase capacity and improve buildings for schools in the sector.

In the past nine years, we have invested \$14.9 billion to build new schools and delivered more than 1940 school upgrades across the state – giving all Victorian students access to quality learning facilities no matter where they live.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins

“Non-government schools form a key part of the range of amazing primary and secondary education options we have in Victoria, which the Andrews Labor Government is proud to support through this investment.”

“We are building the Education State to ensure every Victorian student has access to a quality school close to home, regardless of their background or where they live.”