

# Media Release

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## INFRASTRUCTURE BOOST FOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

Students across the state will get access to new and expanded facilities as the Allan Labor Government opens the second round of applications of the *Building Fund for Non-Government Schools*.

Minister for Education Ben Carroll today announced the program, which delivers on a key promise the Labor Government made to Victorians at last year's election.

The program will allow the independent school sector to increase capacity or upgrade facilities at existing schools – delivering greater learning opportunities as campuses grow and develop.

Independent schools in Victoria can benefit from the Labor Government's \$450 million Fund by applying for grants of between \$50,000 and \$3.6 million to expand or upgrade existing facilities to help upgrade and build facilities, giving students a modern and tailored learning environment.

These grants help non-government schools upgrade and expand school facilities, ensuring hard-working families get the best and safest environments for their children to learn in.

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

Applications for round 2 open on 30 November and close on 23 February, 2024.

For more information, please visit [schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/building-fund-non-government-schools-independent](https://schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/building-fund-non-government-schools-independent).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Education Ben Carroll

*"We are proud to support all schools across the state, as every student deserves access to a quality school close to home, regardless of their background or where they live."*

*"Building the Education State means providing all schools, including non-government schools, opportunities to keep their facilities up to date, to cater for a successful and supportive educational experience."*