

# Media Release

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## **MANSFIELD STADIUM HONOURS HOMEGROWN HERO**

A new stadium at Mansfield Secondary College will honour former student and world champion snowboarder, Alex Pullin, thanks to the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Education Ben Carroll today announced the sportsground will be officially named the Alex Pullin Stadium, following the local community casting more than 1,000 votes on a shortlist of proposed names of the new stadium.

Alex 'Chumpy' Pullin was a former student of Mansfield Secondary College, and a two-time World Champion and Olympic snowboarder – having competed at the 2010, 2014 and 2018 Winter Olympics.

The Alex Pullin Stadium will be a lasting legacy for the athlete and his family following his tragic death in 2020 at the age of 32.

The stadium opened in 2022 and construction was funded by the Labor Government and Mansfield Shire Council.

Mansfield Secondary College has also benefited from two stages of upgrades from the Labor Government – receiving \$3.4 million in the *Victorian Budget 2016/17* to build a new STEM centre complete with new science labs, general learning and visual art spaces, along with new courtyards, seating and landscaping.

A further \$4.85 million investment in the *Victorian Budget 2018/19* delivered a new gym, an extension of the STEM centre, improvements to the school's language centre and partial funding for the new stadium.

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Education Ben Carroll**

*"Alex Pullin was a hugely valued member of his school community and across Mansfield – we're thrilled the community has voted for his legacy to live on through the sports stadium."*

### **Quote attributable to Mansfield Shire Council Mayor Cr Steve Rabie**

*"Mansfield Shire Council, the Department of Education and Mansfield Secondary College have worked closely in partnership to make sure that the facilities delivered met the needs of our growing community and they have been a great success."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes**

*"This has been such an important topic within the community and it's so great to see the overwhelming enthusiasm and support for this new name."*

### **Quote attributable to Mansfield Secondary College Principal Timothy Hall**

*"We are pleased to welcome the community into our school, and value the partnership we share with Mansfield Shire Council. This project is a great example of the way in which we can work together, for the benefit of all stakeholders."*