

Media Release

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BOOST FOR VICTORIAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

The Allan Labor Government is ensuring that every Victorian student can learn in the best facilities – with independent schools to receive funding to upgrade classrooms and build new facilities.

Minister for Education Ben Carroll today announced 11 independent schools across regional and metropolitan Victoria would share in \$24.8 million to expand and modernise existing facilities or build new schools.

Plenty Valley Christian College will receive \$2 million to deliver new classrooms and a Year 11 and 12 common space – to help cater meet the demand for the popular school.

A \$1.5 million boost will help Gilson College in Taylors Hill construct the final stage of the school's VCE Centre.

In regional Victoria, St Paul's Anglican Grammar School will receive \$6 million to build a junior campus in Drouin and Flinders Christian Community College will receive \$1.5 million to build a new Prep to Grade 2 building in Tyabb.

These projects are being delivered through the Government's \$450 million Building Fund for Non-Government Schools – which helps schools upgrade and expand their facilities, ensuring families have the best learning environments for their children.

An announcement of successful independent schools under the second round of funding is expected from October 2024, with a further two rounds of funding will be available for independent schools in coming years.

The Labor Government is also providing \$305 million in funding for 86 projects at Catholic schools through the Catholic stream.

Non-government schools are an important part of Victoria's education system, with more than one-third of Victorian students studying at Catholic or independent schools.

The Government has invested \$16.9 billion over the past 10 years to build new schools and deliver more than 2,200 school upgrades – supporting more than 26,000 jobs in construction and associated industries.

Quote attributable to Minister for Education Ben Carroll

"Thousands of Victorian kids go to an independent school each day and we're making sure they have the best facilities to learn in."

"This funding will help kick off vital projects that will improve schools and create new learning opportunities for students across the state."