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MAINTENANCE WORKS FOR 49 VICTORIAN SCHOOLS

More students across the state are learning in upgraded classrooms and facilities thanks to the continued investment by the Allan Labor Government.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Ben Carroll today announced 49 schools would share in over \$17.3 million of funding from the Planned Maintenance Program (PMP).

The program funds high-priority maintenance works across Victoria's government schools.

The funding allows schools to undertake essential work in classrooms and other school buildings such as fixing roofs and replacing windows, maintaining ramps, painting, and resurfacing floors, as well as some external works like improving pathways.

Alexandra Secondary College was allocated over \$1.2 million to address drainage works, repainting, revarnishing as well as wall and window repairs.

Eaglehawk Secondary College in Bendigo was allocated over \$520,000 to upgrade the school's Shelter-in-Place building, used in bushfire emergencies. The funding also addresses replacement of some ceiling and floor, as well as work to the roof.

Works are determined by a rolling facilities evaluation process, which provides up-to-date information on the condition of schools.

Including this latest round of funding, this program has funded \$65.2 million for 211 projects at 207 schools in 2025.

The Labor 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.

The Government is building the Education State so every student can access a great local school and a quality education no matter where they live.

For a list of schools receiving funding under the Planned Maintenance Program, <u>visit schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/planned-maintenance-program</u>.

Quotes attributable to Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Ben Carroll

"From a fresh coat of paint in classrooms to ensuring crucial emergency shelters are in good condition, this latest maintenance blitz will ensure all Victorian students have safe and modern learning spaces."

"We are constantly reviewing our schools' buildings and facilities to make sure every single classroom and school building is modern, safe and engaging."

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