

# Media Release

**The Hon Ben Carroll MP**

Deputy Premier

Minister for Education

Minister for WorkSafe and the TAC



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## **BOOST FOR MORE SCHOOLS ACROSS THE STATE**

The Allan Labor Government is ensuring every Victorian student has access to the best facilities by helping low fee independent schools with funding to modernise classrooms and build new infrastructure.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Ben Carroll today announced the successful recipients of the latest round of funding for independent schools across regional and metropolitan Victoria.

Nine independent schools will share \$26.2 million to expand and modernise existing facilities or build new schools. 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.

Good News Lutheran College will receive \$6 million for Stage 2 of its Mambourin Campus including classrooms and a multi-purpose centre.

Plenty River College in South Morang will use its \$5.5 million in funding to build inquiry-based learning spaces and a commercial kitchen for vocational training.

Al-Taqwa College, also in Melbourne's southwest, will receive \$3.1 million for Stage One of its Truganina campus including 18 classrooms, gathering spaces, student amenities and staff offices.

These are just some of the projects being delivered through the Labor 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.

Minister Carroll also opened the fourth and final round of the Building Fund for Non-Government Schools, Independent Schools, with applications closing in February 2026.

The previous round of this funding provided \$40 million for works at 13 independent schools. To date, 31 independent schools have received \$84.4 million from the fund.

Close to \$18.5 billion has been invested to build new schools across all sectors and deliver more than 2,300 school upgrades — supporting more than 30,000 jobs in construction and associated industries.

Details of the grants program are at [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**

*"With more than a third of Victorian students attending Catholic or independent schools, it is important that all children across Victoria have access to first-class educational facilities."*

*"I am proud that we are supporting nine more low-fee non-government schools – to kick off vital projects that will improve schools and create new learning opportunities for students in the Education State."*

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