

Media Release

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GRANTS TO KICK-START ACTIVE KIDS AT ACTIVE SCHOOLS

The Allan Labor Government is helping more kids get active and pick up new physical skills through the latest round of Active School Grants.

Acting Minister for Education Gayle Tierney congratulated the 100 schools that are the latest to receive a \$30,000 grant as part of the Active Schools initiative. The program gives every Victorian student the skills, confidence and motivation to stay active throughout their lives.

Since starting in 2020, the program has given out more than \$25 million to over 500 schools in disadvantaged areas.

In previous years, schools have used their Active Schools Grants to upskill PE teachers, purchase sports equipment, build outdoor learning spaces, make upgrades to playgrounds, install sensory play areas and implement programs such as bicycle education or dance.

The Active Schools program is all about finding ways for kids to move more during the whole school day—in class, at recess and lunch, and even on the way to and from school.

Staughton College in Melton South used its 2025 Active Schools grant to fund an indoor space to support active break times. They called it '*the Pit Stop*', and it's become a popular hangout for physical activities. The project has brought the school community closer together and shows how listening to students and letting them take the lead can make a real difference.

The 2024-2025 state budget included \$42.3 million over 4 years and \$10.7 million ongoing funding to continue the successful Active Schools program. This brings the total investment in the program to \$87.8 million.

Quotes attributable to Acting Minister for Education Gayle Tierney

"Regular physical activity makes a huge difference to young people's mental and physical health as well as their educational outcomes – that's why investing in our students is important, giving them every opportunity to find an activity they love."

"We're thrilled to celebrate Active Schools funding recipients – I want to congratulate all the successful schools for their work to keep young Victorians active, fit and healthy."

Quote attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"Every young Victorian deserves the chance to find their sport – whether that's on the court, in the pool or on the bike track, these grants are opening doors to new opportunities."