

Media Release

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CREATIVE PROJECTS TO BOOST LEARNING

Labor is helping students to get creative in the classroom.

Minister Brooks today announced grants to help 16 Victorian schools partner with local artists and organisations in terms 2-4.

Children will be able to tap into their creative side and learn new skills, without their parents having to find extra time and money for similar activities outside school.

The 2026 recipients will share in \$360,000 through the Creative Learning Partnerships program.

They include Melbourne Indigenous Transition School, which will work with creative and social change organisation Storyscape and First Nations audio app Yalinguth. Students will take part in visual arts and storytelling workshops and create a short film showcasing their work.

Victorian College for the Deaf will partner with the Potter Museum of Art on a multilingual project.

At Seymour College, students will use second-hand materials to create costumes for a runway performance and exhibition.

Students across all year levels at Inglewood Primary School will work with drama, storytelling and filmmaking company The Storey Players to create a multimedia production about the untold story of Inglewood.

Creative Learning Partnerships is a collaboration between Creative Victoria and the Department of Education.

It is the Victorian Government's longest running creative grants program.

Established in 1982, it's supported residencies for more than 1,650 creative practitioners, upskilled close to 4,000 teachers and brought creativity and learning together for more than 76,000 Victorian students.

For more information on Creative Learning Partnerships, or to see the full list of 2026 recipients, visit creative.vic.gov.au.

Quote attributable to Minister for Creative Industries Colin Brooks

"This program supports students, local artists and our creative industries. Participants get hands-on creative learning without families needing to find extra time or money to participate outside school hours."

Quote attributable to Minister for Education Ben Carroll

"Creative learning helps students build confidence, curiosity and critical thinking skills. Programs like this give students the chance to connect with working artists and experience the power of creativity in their education."