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Victorian Budget 2026/27



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LABOR INVESTS IN OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE

Nothing is more important than our children's future.

That's why the Allan Labor Government is ensuring every child can attend a great local public school.

The *Victorian Budget 2026/27* invests in building, maintaining and upgrading schools.

Every cent is worth it to give our youngest Victorians the opportunities they deserve.

New schools for growing communities

The Budget invests \$761.8 million for new and growing schools across Victoria. This includes:

- Wollahra Secondary College (interim name) in Wyndham – opening in 2028 for 678 students including 128 specialist inclusion places,
- Thompsons East Primary School (interim name) in Casey – opening in 2028 for 964 students, including 64 specialist inclusion places
- Rockbank Toolern Road Primary School (interim name) in Melton – opening in 2028 for 900 students
- A new campus at South Melbourne Primary School – opening in 2029 for 250 students
- Additional stages at three recently opened schools: Wulerrp Secondary College in Casey, Yubup Primary School in Hume and Homestead Senior Secondary College in Wyndham

The Budget will support planning, design and early works of:

- A new secondary school in Arden, opening by 2030
- A new campus for Preston High School, opening by 2030
- Pattersons Road Secondary College (interim name) in Casey, opening in 2029

This Budget invests \$104 million to acquire land for future schools in high-growth areas in:

- Cardinia
- Greater Geelong
- Hume
- Melbourne
- Mitchell
- Wyndham

The investment also includes \$216.7 million for high-quality modular classrooms and buildings.

This creates 8,650 more school places in 2027, giving growing schools additional capacity to meet demand.

Upgrades for existing schools

In this Budget, 31 government schools will receive upgrades through a \$294.8 million investment:

- Ararat Primary School
- Bacchus Marsh College
- Boroondara Park Primary School

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- Brighton Beach Primary School
- Cheltenham East Primary School
- Daylesford Primary School
- Eaglehawk Primary School
- Edithvale Primary School
- Essendon North Primary School
- Hastings Primary School
- Keilor Heights Primary School
- Keysborough Gardens Primary School
- Kismet Park Primary School
- Maribyrnong College
- Maryborough Education Centre
- Melton Primary School
- Merri-bek Primary School
- Moomba Park Primary School
- Mornington Park Primary School
- Mount Waverley North Primary School
- Pakenham Consolidated School
- Sherbrooke Community School
- Spensley Street Primary School
- St Kilda Primary School
- Stawell Primary School
- Surfside Primary School
- Vermont Primary School
- Wales Street Primary School
- Warragul North Primary School
- Warranwood Primary School
- Yarrawonga College P-12

Targeted works where they're needed most

The Budget invests \$25.4 million for targeted works at 24 government schools (plus an open grant round) at:

- Boronia K-12 College
- Briagolong Primary School
- Bundarra Primary School
- Cambridge Primary School
- Cardross Primary School
- Carwatha College P-12
- Diamond Creek East Primary School
- Drysdale Primary School
- Dunkeld Consolidated School
- Essendon Keilor College
- Fountain Gate Primary School
- Heathmont East Primary School
- Hesketh Primary School
- Manor Lakes P-12 College
- Mansfield Primary School
- Melbourne High School
- Miners Rest Primary School
- Monbulk College
- Sherbourne Primary School
- Southern Cross Primary School
- Stratford Primary School

- Toolangi Primary School
- Wheelers Hill Secondary College
- Wonga Park Primary School

Planning for school upgrades

This Budget invests \$1 million to fund planning for future capital upgrades at:

- Bendigo Senior Secondary College
- Marlborough Primary School
- Eltham East Primary School
- Glenroy College

Keeping schools safe and accessible

The Budget also invests in essential maintenance and compliance programs – including rapid support for schools damaged by incidents or extreme weather.

This includes \$28.8 million to improve access for students with disability and additional needs.

For more information, visit to schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au

Labor's record

We've delivered 121 new schools, free TAFE and free kinder because Labor always invests in our children's future.

When Jess Wilson's Liberals were last in power, they cut \$1 billion from education.

Now they have an \$11.5 billion black hole in their Budget, and that means one thing: more cuts.

Only Labor has new solutions to make life easier, safer and more affordable.

Quotes attributable to Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Ben Carroll

"Great local public schools make life more affordable for families and give our kids the opportunities they deserve."

"Victoria is building and upgrading more schools than anywhere else in the country, and we're not stopping."

"Labor is investing in great local public schools – do the Liberals support it, or will they cut it?"