

# Media Release

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## LESS TIME ON DEVICES MEANS MORE TIME LEARNING

Technology is one of the greatest tools we have – but it can also stop kids from properly engaging in their learning.

From Term 1, 2027 all secondary schools will be asked to include planned device-free time in their learning.

Where devices are used, they must be used intentionally.

This might look like using whiteboards or paper, group debates, practical experiments or performances instead.

It builds on our work to limit digital devices to 90 minutes for Years 3-6 and minimal use in Prep to Year 2.

We've also delivered a nation-leading device ban in schools to keep kids safe and engaged in their learning.

This is on top of our historic \$20 billion investment to build and upgrade schools across Victoria.

With the opening of Ngayuk College today, Labor has officially delivered 121 schools.

Ngayuk College now has 200 Year 7 students, with new year levels opening as the cohort progresses.

The school includes creative and science spaces, a library, modern classrooms, a sports field and outdoor courts.

It's located right next to Marra Specialist School and less than five minutes from Kalkallo North Kinder.

Jess Wilson's \$40 billion in cuts can't happen without cutting support for schools.

The Liberals and Nationals cut more than \$1 billion from education last time they were in office.

Her plan slashes one in seven public servants – and we know the Liberals won't stop there.

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

### Quotes attributable to Premier Jacinta Allan

*"Less time on devices means more time learning."*

*"Every child, in every community, deserves a world-class education – that's what Labor delivers."*

### Quote attributable to Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Ben Carroll

*"We know that screen-free time is important to help students engage with their learning, so we're asking schools to include it in their curriculum."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Kalkallo Ros Spence

*"Families in Kalkallo have a brand new, world-class secondary school on their doorstep – that's what Labor delivers for growing communities."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Yan Yean Lauren Kathage

*"Only Labor is building new public schools like Ngayuk College for local families, not Liberal cuts and closures."*

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