

Media Release

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BETTER KINDERS FOR KIDS ACROSS VICTORIA

Labor is making sure every child has access to world-class early learning.

63 kinders across the state will share in \$12.3 million to improve their centres.

Building Blocks Improvement grants help kinders upgrade, refurbish and renovate.

This includes learning spaces, outdoor play areas and staff spaces and amenities.

Recipients include:

- Keon Park Kinder who will renovate their building, upgrade bathrooms and build private meeting rooms
- Virginia Park Child Care Centre will redesign their yard into an outdoor learning space
- St Paul's Lutheran Kindergarten will connect outdoor and indoor spaces, and build an accessible bathroom
- Young Street Kindergarten will modernise and build another kindergarten room
- Mount Evelyn Christian School Kindergarten will deliver flexible spaces for meetings and small-group work

Labor has invested more than \$44 million in 361 kinder upgrade projects across Victoria.

More than 570,000 children have benefited from Free Kinder since 2023.

The Liberals cut \$1 billion from education when they were last in office – they even cut free fruit Fridays.

Now they have a \$40 billion black hole in their Budget, and that just means more cuts that hurt kids.

For more information visit schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/building-blocks-grants-improvement.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Children Lizzie Blandthorn

"Great kinders need great spaces – and we're making sure children right across Victoria have them."

"These grants mean more children can learn, explore and play in modern facilities built for them."

Quote attributable to Member for Preston Nathan Lambert

"We are backing local Darebin kindergartens with important upgrades so that every child can get the best possible start."