

Media Release

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BELGRAVE FAMILIES TO BENEFIT FROM NEW SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Dandenong Ranges community will soon have access to a new cutting-edge multi-media and presentation centre, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Education James Merlino today visited Mater Christi College in Belgrave to announce an investment of \$1 million to build a new presentation centre and virtual learning hub for students.

The \$4 million centre, which will be able to seat 230 people, will be used by students as part of multi-media studies. It will include a new virtual learning hub where teachers can collaborate with industry professionals to create and deliver modern multi-media classes.

It will also feature a presentation centre with theatre-style seating and an expandable presentation stage, as well as new classrooms, a gallery, and a recording studio for students.

Mater Christi College is one of the many Victorian schools benefiting from the Labor Government's \$120 million Capital Funding Program for Non-Government Schools.

The fund is part of a \$2.5 billion Government investment over three years to build the Education State, giving every student access to a great local school with a great education.

Victoria's school building boom has delivered more than 1,000 school upgrades and 56 new school projects across the state, supporting almost 5,000 construction jobs for Victorians.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

"This new presentation and multi-media centre is a great example of how we are working in partnership with Catholic and independent schools across Victoria to deliver the services they need most."

"Our investment will mean local students and the community can access great new local facilities including a space for modern multi-media studies and a presentation hall."