

Media Release

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BUILDING THE BEST SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR COBURG

Coburg families are a step closer to getting the first-rate facilities they deserve thanks to the Andrews Labor Government, with construction of major upgrades to Mercy College nearing completion.

Minister for Education James Merlino today visited Mercy College to inspect progress on the new science, music, home economics and drama spaces.

The Labor Government has contributed \$1 million to the \$4 million project through the Non-Government School Grants Program.

It forms part of the Government's \$120 million investment to build and upgrade Catholic and independent schools across the state.

The Government has worked closely with the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria and Independent Schools Victoria to ensure funding has been targeted to the areas of highest need.

Non-government schools are an important part of Victoria's education system, with over one-third of Victorian students studying at Catholic or independent schools.

The Labor Government is building the Education State so that every student can access a great local school and education, and has invested more than \$3.8 billion to improve classrooms, upgrade facilities and build new schools across the state.

This school building boom has delivered more than 1,300 school upgrades and 70 new school projects across the state, supporting more than 5,000 construction jobs for Victorians.

To find out more, visit the Victorian School Building Authority website at www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

"Non-government schools are an important part of Victoria's education system, with more than one third of Victorian students studying in Catholic or independent schools. We're giving them the support they need."

"Right across the state, the Labor Government is giving local families the 21st century education they deserve – with the very best facilities to match."

Quote attributable to Member for Pascoe Vale Lizzie Blandthorn

"Mercy College is a great local school and only Labor will make sure our kids and their teachers have the state-of-the-art classrooms and facilities they need to achieve their best."

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