

Media Release

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NEW INNER-CITY PRIMARY SCHOOL OPENS DOORS

The Andrews Labor Government has delivered a new, state-of-the-art education facility for inner city families, with South Melbourne Park Primary School opening its doors for the first time.

Minister for Education James Merlino and Member for Albert Park Martin Foley joined staff and students to celebrate the opening of the \$31 million school, which features revitalised heritage buildings, modern classrooms, performing arts facilities and a gym.

South Melbourne Park Primary School was built to meet the growing inner-city enrolment demand for primary education and can accommodate 550 students from Prep to Year 6.

Located in Albert Park Reserve, the school is surrounded by unique flora and fauna and is close to sporting facilities including the Victorian Institute of Sport, Athletics Victoria, and the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre.

The school is one of nine new Victorian government schools opening this term and one of 100 new schools to open across the state over the next eight years under the Labor Government's school building program.

The Labor Government has already invested more than \$3.8 billion to deliver new schools and more than 1,300 school upgrades, supporting more than 5,000 construction jobs for Victorians.

That building boom will continue over the coming years, with builders already appointed to start delivering 11 schools across the state that will open in 2020.

The Labor Government is ensuring every child has a great local school and a great start in life.

Quote attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

"South Melbourne Park Primary School will be more than just a great new local school, it will be a hub for the whole community."

Quotes attributable to Member for Albert Park Martin Foley

"Local families will now be the first to experience this brand new school."

"We're ensuring our growing community has the education facilities it needs so our kids get the best start in life."