

Media Release

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NEW ACMI EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP IN A CLASS OF ITS OWN

Digital learning labs and school-based programs focused on emerging technology will be created from a major philanthropic partnership unveiled today at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI).

Minister for Creative Industries Martin Foley welcomed a \$650,000 contribution from Gandel Philanthropy, which will benefit students across Victoria.

The digital labs and workshops at ACMI's Federation Square site will feature cutting-edge technology, promote media and screen literacy, and will be named after the philanthropic group.

Staffed by creative industry experts, the labs will give students and teachers world-class learning environments and access to resources not available in most classrooms.

ACMI estimates the partnership will help double student visitation to its Federation Square site over the next three years, to 140,000 students annually.

The partnership will also see ACMI use its industry expertise to support tech schools in regional Victoria over the next three years, with a program focused on building skills in entrepreneurship, digital game design and emerging jobs and technologies.

The ACMI Tech School program will commence this year at Geelong Tech School with more schools to follow.

Gandel Philanthropy's donation is part of ACMI's redevelopment project, ACMI Re/new, beginning 24 May and complements the Andrews Labor Government's \$36.6 million investment in the project.

For more information on ACMI Re/new, visit acmi.net.au/renew.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Creative Industries Martin Foley

"The Gandel family are great supporters and champions of education, creativity, and young people. This generous, forward-thinking gift will benefit hundreds of thousands of young Victorians."

"Not only will this partnership support education in Melbourne, it will extend ACMI's reach into regional areas, ensuring more students get a world-class education regardless of their location."

Quote attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

"This will be a major asset for Victorian students. It's a great example of the educational connection between artistic creativity and cutting-edge technology."

Quote attributable to John Gandel AC, Chairman of Gandel Philanthropy

"ACMI is one of the leading cultural institutions that is also a hub of learning and education. Its emphasis on tech learning, on fostering creativity and looking to the future of education and employment have all been key factors in our family foundation's decision to support this initiative."

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