

Media Release

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BASS COAST JUNIOR SCHOOL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION STARTS

The community across Bass Coast is invited to have their say on a new junior secondary campus, which is part of the Andrews Labor Government's work to ensure a great local school for young people across the region.

Local students, teachers, parents, school council members and residents are invited to participate in an online survey and a community drop-in session on Tuesday 4 June from 2:00pm to 7:00pm at San Remo Recreation Centre, 1A Wynne Road, San Remo.

The Labor Government is consulting with the community to help determine the location of the new school or campus, which will cater to years 7 to 9 students across the Bass Coast. The consultation will also work to better understand the community's educational priorities for the region.

The new campus, which is set to open in 2022, will help bridge a gap for students from Phillip Island, San Remo and through to the waterline towns who are currently travelling over an hour to attend their closest secondary school.

A range of locations are being considered for the new school, with initial investigations suggesting that San Remo may be the most appropriate choice, however it's important hear from the community to help guide this decision.

Under the Labor Government's school building boom, 100 new schools will open over the next eight years, ensuring every child has a great local school and a great start in life.

The Government has invested \$3.8 billion in delivering more than 1,300 school upgrades and supporting almost 5,000 construction jobs for Victorians.

The Labor Government is building the Education State so that every student can access a great local school and get a great education.

Community consultation will run from Thursday 23rd May until Friday 14th June. To have your say, attend the community drop-in session or complete the online survey engage.vic.gov.au/bass-coast-new-junior-secondary.

Quote attributable to the Minister for Education James Merlino

"The Bass Coast community deserves to have access to a local school that meets local needs. That's what we're delivering."

Quotes attributable to Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale

"We've committed to building a new junior secondary campus in the Bass Coast by 2022. So, we've got to make sure we get the right location."

"We want to hear from you – students, parents and educators. We want to hear your ideas, perspectives and feedback so we can create the best school to meet the needs of the local community."