

Media Release

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GREAT NEW CLASSROOMS AND FACILITIES FOR GEELONG STUDENTS

Geelong students are now learning in bigger, better classrooms and school facilities – with more exciting upgrades to come thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Education James Merlino and Member for Geelong Chris Couzens today visited Geelong High School to open the completed stages of \$22.7 million in upgrades, celebrating with excited students and staff.

The upgraded C.A. Love Hall hosts a complete lighting and audio presentation system, digital projector and kitchenette supporting Geelong High School’s proud reputation for music and the performing arts.

The school’s Kroger Building has also been completely transformed with new classrooms, library, canteen and wellbeing area all giving students a great environment to learn, create and relax.

Construction works are underway on a new technology centre, with more classrooms and specialised mixed-media and visual communications learning areas for the school’s Winstanley building and RJ Vague wing. These works are forecast to be completed in the first half of 2020.

Designed by McGlashan Everist Architecture and built by Ireland Brown Constructions, the facilities will mean teachers can deliver the 21st century education Geelong High School students need to succeed.

The Labor Government is delivering on its promise to Geelong High School students to give them the great local school they deserve.

The Labor Government has invested \$5.6 billion to deliver more than 1,400 school upgrades and supporting over 7,500 construction jobs for Victorians.

Under the Labor Government’s school building boom, 100 new schools will open by 2026, ensuring every child can access a great local school and get a great start in life.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

“This is a long project and it’s wonderful to see the vision for Geelong High School turn into a reality. This will benefit not only current students, but the next generation of students who pass through these doors.”

“Across Victoria, we are building and upgrading schools so our students have the best facilities, our classrooms have the best teachers and every child is given every chance to succeed.”

Quote attributable to Member for Geelong Chris Couzens

“Geelong High School is a great school with promising students and hardworking teachers – this major upgrade will give students the modern facilities they need to get the best out of their education.”