

# Media Release

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## **BUILDING UPGRADES TO DELIVER MAJOR BENEFITS FOR SCHOOLS**

Victorian students are better placed to achieve their educational best, with the Allan Labor Government rolling out more infrastructure works across the state to renovate and expand schools.

Minister for Education Ben Carroll today announced that 22 projects at Victorian schools have been approved for funding under the successful Minor Capital Works Fund.

The 22 investments cover 14 projects to refurbish school toilet facilities and five projects to repair school roofs, ensuring safe, quality spaces for students and staff.

Other initiatives receiving support include a project to undertake interior and exterior building repairs, repairs at an existing oval and improvements to an outdoor school sports court.

In the *Victorian Budget 2023/24*, the Labor Government invested \$10 million into the Fund, with all projects from this round to be completed by December 2025 – ensuring every Victorian student receives the safe and inviting school environment they deserve.

First introduced in 2020 as part of the Labor Government’s Building Works Package, the Fund has already supported more than 500 projects across metropolitan and regional areas.

In the past nine years, the Government has invested \$14.9 billion to build new schools, delivering more than 1,940 school upgrades across the state – giving all Victorian students access to quality learning facilities no matter where they live.

More information is available at [schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/minor-capital-works-fund](https://schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/minor-capital-works-fund).

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Education Ben Carroll**

*“Every Victorian student should have access to a great school no matter where they live, that’s why we’re supporting local schools with the resources they need to make a difference to students’ education across the state.”*

*“Our record investment in school infrastructure is giving our hard-working students and school staff facilities they deserve, making sure Victoria keeps its place as the nation’s Education State.”*