

Media Release

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MASSIVE BOOST FOR VICTORIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Allan Labor Government is ensuring that every Victorian student can learn in the best facilities – with dozens of local, low-fee Catholic schools to receive funding to upgrade classrooms and build new facilities.

Minister for Education Ben Carroll today visited Holy Eucharist Primary School to announce 67 projects at 65 Catholic schools across Victoria which will share in more than \$243 million to expand and modernise existing facilities or build new schools.

Holy Eucharist Primary School in St Albans will receive \$1.4 million to refurbish their classrooms, bathrooms and breakout spaces – ensuring local kids are learning in the best possible facilities.

In regional Victoria, St Mary MacKillop College in Swan Hill will receive \$6 million to build a new secondary campus while St Patrick's Primary School in Kilmore will receive \$3.6 million to deliver four new classrooms – ensuring parents can send their children to this popular school.

Marymede Catholic College will also receive \$6 million to expand their Doreen campus and build eight general learning areas, a learning resource centre, an information technology centre, a careers and pathways centre and a student wellbeing and counselling centre.

These projects are being delivered through the Catholic stream of the Labor Government's Building Fund for Non-Government Schools – which helps schools upgrade and expand their facilities, ensuring families have the best learning environments for their children.

Non-government schools are an important part of Victoria's education system, with more than one-third of Victorian students studying at Catholic or independent schools.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education Ben Carroll

"Thousands of Victorian kids go to a low-fee Catholic school every day – and we're making sure those kids are learning in the best environments."

"We're supporting our low-fee Catholic schools to expand, build new classrooms and open new campuses."

Quote attributable to Member for St Albans Natalie Suleyman

"Holy Eucharist Primary School is a fantastic and popular local school and this project will mean their teachers have the best facilities to give their students the best education."