

Media Release

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MAINTENANCE BLITZ FOR VICTORIAN SCHOOLS

Students across the state will benefit from better facilities with maintenance works to be carried out at more than 50 schools across Victoria, thanks to the Allan Labor Government.

Acting Minister for Education Gayle Tierney announced today that 59 schools would share in over \$20 million to undertake 62 maintenance projects between them.

This is the latest round of the Planned Maintenance Program provides funding to ensure schools can undertake projects like fixing roofs and replacing windows, painting and resurfacing floors, as well as some external work, such as improving pathways.

Works are determined by a rolling facilities evaluation process, which provides up-to-date information on the condition of schools to create a faster and more targeted allocation of funding.

The Labor Government has invested \$16.9 billion over the past 10 years to build new schools and deliver more than 2,200 school upgrades – supporting more than 26,000 jobs in construction and associated industries.

The Labor Government is also getting on with the job of building new schools as we gear up to open 100 new schools by 2026, with 75 new schools opening between 2019 and 2024.

We are building the Education State so every student can access a great local school and a quality education no matter where they live.

For a list of schools receiving funding under the Planned Maintenance Program, [visit schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/planned-maintenance-program](https://schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/planned-maintenance-program).

Quote attributable to Acting Minister for Education Gayle Tierney

“This program is about ensuring that every Victorian school is kept up-to-date so that every child can access a high quality education in a high quality environment.”

“We are constantly evaluating our schools and ensuring every single classroom is safe, engaging, and will complement the top-class education we are committed to providing.”