

Media Release

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MAINTENANCE BOOST FOR 78 VICTORIAN SCHOOLS

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

Minister for Education Ben Carroll today announced that 78 schools will share in over \$21 million of funding from the Planned Maintenance Program (PMP) to undertake 79 maintenance projects between them.

This is the latest round of PMP which provides funding to address high-priority maintenance issues across Victoria's government schools.

The program ensures schools can undertake essential work in classrooms and other school buildings, such as fixing roofs and replacing windows, painting, and resurfacing floors, as well as some external works like 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 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're 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.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education Ben Carroll

"From a fresh coat of paint in classrooms to ensuring crucial emergency shelters are in good condition, this latest maintenance blitz will ensure all Victorian students have safe and modern learning spaces."

"We are making sure every single classroom is safe, engaging, and will complement the top-class education we are committed to providing."