Media Release

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MAKING MATHS BEST PRACTICE COMMON PRACTICE

The Allan Labor Government is building every child's confidence in mathematics, with new resources to boost numeracy outcomes for Victorian students.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Ben Carroll today launched ready-to-use mathematics lesson plans for teachers and announced an expression of interest process to appoint four inaugural Victorian Mathematics Ambassadors, who will promote the importance of maths to schools, students and families.

The first ready-to-use mathematics lesson plans are available today, with further lesson plans available through the first half of 2025.

Lesson plans will strengthen students' mathematics and numeracy outcomes by providing schools with high-quality materials to make best-practice, common practice across Victorian government schools.

The plans will also help reduce teacher workload, particularly for early career and out-of-field teachers, so they can spend less time planning and preparing lessons, and more time engaging with students. The plans support teachers to implement the revised Victorian Teaching and Learning Model (VTLM 2.0), with explicit teaching at its core.

The lesson plans are part of the \$16.4 million investment announced last year to provide quality lesson plans in priority subjects, with future releases to be rolled out for English, science and the technologies.

As confidence with mathematics is also an issue across families and communities, the Government will appoint Mathematics Ambassadors to help students develop a positive attitude, motivation to learn, and academic achievement in mathematics.

Four mathematics teachers will be appointed as inaugural Victorian Mathematics Ambassadors. These will be teachers who are enthusiastic and passionate about mathematics and exemplify excellence in mathematics teaching at primary and secondary levels.

They will support parent and community engagement in mathematics and provide inspiration to study mathematics, as well as highlight mathematics careers and pathways.

Victorian schoolteachers are invited to express interest in one of the four Ambassador roles or to nominate a colleague, with nominations now open and closing on 20 December 2024 at <u>vic.gov.au/victorian-mathematics-ambassadors</u>

Students can also be involved in recommending a teacher to be considered as an Ambassador via a VicSRC process at <u>Student Nominations - Victorian Mathematics Ambassadors</u>

Quotes attributable to Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Ben Carroll

"Victoria is proud to be the Education State, where every child can receive world-class learning from an outstanding teacher in a government school."

"We want every Victorian student to leave school equipped with the maths knowledge, skills and capabilities they need to make complex decisions in their daily lives, and to take full advantage of the job opportunities of the future."