

fact sheet

FUNDING BOOST FOR SCHOOL SPORT

The Bracks government will invest \$8 million with a sports package that will further lift the profile of sport in Victorian schools and see Melbourne host the 2005 Pacific School Games.

This funding includes a recent allocation of \$5 million for sporting equipment, and a **\$3.1 million allocation in this Budget to host the Pacific Games** in the lead up to the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

The allocation for sporting equipment represents a doubling of most schools' annual sport equipment budgets — and will inspire more students to take up sport and become physically active.

School sport equipment grants will be based on enrolment figures. Large schools will receive grants of up to \$5500 while smaller schools will receive a minimum \$1200.

Schools will receive the grants as soon as possible, and must spend the grants during this financial year.

A further \$3.1 million will be allocated for Melbourne to host the 2005 Pacific School Games in the lead up to the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

The Pacific School Games will see more than 3500 students from 30 countries converge on Melbourne.

It is anticipated the event will take place in November or December 2005.

There will be more student participants at the Pacific School Games than there will be competitors at the Commonwealth Games.

More than 500 Victorian school students are expected to compete.

This sport package is part of the Victorian *Physical Activity Strategy* designed to encourage Victorians of all ages to become more active.

Budget:

\$3.1million

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