



## 2005-06 Victorian Budget



### **\$196 MILLION FOR REGIONAL AND RURAL SCHOOLS AND TAFE**

**\$83.4 million for new and replacement schools and modernisation of facilities in at least 25 rural or regional schools; \$89.3 million for high-speed broadband computer link; \$9.6 million for specialist facilities in schools**

The State Budget has allocated \$28.3 million for the construction and completion of eight new and replacement schools including:

- \$5.2 million for the relocation of Bendigo Special Developmental School
- \$3 million for Wallan Secondary College (Stage 2)
- \$5.5 million for Nichols Point Primary School, Mildura
- \$4.1 million for Traralgon Secondary College (east campus)
- \$3.6 million for Barwon Valley School, Geelong (Stage 2 of new school)
- \$3.3 million for Newcomb Secondary College, Geelong (Science/Technology)
- \$2.6 million for replacement School at Woody Yaloak Primary
- \$1 million for a new campus at Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College, Geelong.

A further \$55.1 million has been allocated for modernisation of facilities, such as classrooms, canteens, music rooms, administration and toilets at 17 primary and secondary schools in rural and regional areas, including:

- \$1.3 million for the Flying Fruit Fly Circus School, Wodonga
- \$1 million for Flora Hill Secondary College, Bendigo (Planning)
- \$3.5 million for South Gippsland Secondary College, Foster
- \$5.2 million for Belmont High School, Geelong
- \$4 million for Kyabram Secondary College
- \$3.3 million for Drouin Secondary College
- \$1.9 million for Darley Primary School, Bacchus Marsh
- \$1.5 million for Mount Clear College, Ballarat
- \$2.1 million for Murtoa P-12 College
- \$3.1 million for Wodonga Primary School
- \$16.6 million for Maryborough Education Precinct
- \$2.4 million for Colac Primary School
- \$2.2 million for Castlemaine Primary School

- \$0.5 million for planning of Echuca secondary provision
- \$1.1 million for Grovedale Primary School
- \$1.7 million for Lorne P–12 (Aireys Inlet Campus)
- \$3.7 million for Chaffey Secondary College.

As part of the Government's drive for excellence in education, the Budget provides \$9.6 million for specialist facilities, such as flexible learning centres and ICT facilities, from the Leading Schools Fund, for the following schools:

- Ballarat Specialist School
- Timboon P–12 College
- Corio Bay Senior College
- Kangaroo Flat Secondary College
- Chaffey Secondary College, Mildura
- Mitchell Secondary College, Wodonga
- Belmont High School
- Dimboola Memorial Secondary College
- Mansfield Secondary College
- Mirboo North Secondary College
- Mount Beauty Secondary College
- Oberon High School, Belmont
- St Arnaud Secondary College
- Wodonga High School
- Ararat Community College
- Portland Secondary College
- Benalla College
- Wycheproof P–12 College.

This Budget provides \$2.8 million for the establishment of another rural learning centre, at a regional site to be announced.

Geelong's Gordon Institute of TAFE will receive \$9 million for new facilities.

**Every Victorian government school will benefit from the \$89.3 million SmartONE initiative which will see all schools upgraded to fibre-optic broadband within four years.**

- Some of Victoria's smallest schools will have their bandwidth capacity increased 60 times
- All city and country government schools will share the same speed access
- All schools will be upgraded to four megabits per second of fibre-optic bandwidth, with the ability to add capacity if they choose.

**Other programs regional and rural schools will share in include:**

- \$7 million funding for new computers and other high tech learning equipment in schools across Victoria
- \$1.9 million over two years for the state-wide expansion of the school attendance program It's Not OK To Be Away
- \$12.5 million over four years to be invested in pre-apprenticeship training
- \$115 million to over four years to help needy students in non-government schools.