VICTORIAN SCHOOLS PLAN CONTINUES

Under the second tranche of the Victorian Schools Plan $592 million has been allocated to build new schools and provide better school facilities across Victoria.

The Victorian Schools Plan is the Government’s 10-year plan to transform Victorian schools by funding the rebuilding, renovating or extension of all schools by 2016. Initiatives included in the 2008–09 State Budget include:

Major Improvements to 25 Schools

Upgrades, renovations or extensions will be funded at 25 schools, including the upgrade and rebuild of science rooms and tech wings:

- Bacchus Marsh Primary School
- Chaffey Secondary College (Mildura)
- Daylesford Secondary College
- Dromana Secondary College
- Eltham Primary School
- Hartwell Primary School
- Lara Secondary College
- McKinnon Secondary College
- Nar Nar Goon Primary School
- Port Melbourne Primary School
- Reservoir West Primary School
- Wangaratta West Primary School
- Wodonga Primary School
- Carrum Primary School
- Colac South West Primary School
- Doncaster Secondary College
- Elisabeth Murdoch College (Langwarrin)
- Glen Waverley Secondary College
- Koroit and District Primary School
- Maffra Primary School
- Mount Evelyn Primary School
- Pascoe Vale North Primary School
- Princes Hill Primary School
- Surrey Hills Primary School
- Wellington Secondary College (Mulgrave)

Better Schools Today

Up to 70 additional schools requiring smaller modernisations and upgrades, costing between $300,000 and $500,000, will be identified for future works under the Better Schools Today program.

Four New Schools in Growth Areas

$29 million will fund the second and third stages of new schools being built in Melbourne’s outer growth areas. They are:

- Caroline Springs College, Springside Campus (Stage 2)
- Craigieburn North P–12 (Stage 2)
- Wallan Secondary College (Stage 3)
- Wyndham Vale P–9/Specialist (Manor Lakes)
Three Replacement Schools

Another $19 million has been allocated for three replacement school projects:

- Anglesea Primary School
- Bass Coast Specialist School
- Wodonga South Primary School

Securing the Future of Nine Small Rural Schools

$18 million has been allocated this year to replace relocatable facilities at the following nine schools with new, permanent buildings:

- Alberton Primary School
- Buln Buln Primary School
- Darnum Primary School
- Eagle Point Primary School
- Grahamvale Primary School
- Horsham West – Haven Primary School (Haven campus)
- Woady Yaloak (Snake Valley Campus) Primary School
- Newham Primary School
- Upper Plenty Primary School

25 Schools to Benefit from Regeneration

$101.1 million has been allocated for fund the regeneration of schools in selected local communities which have developed plans for new curriculum and facilities to transform education options for Victorian students. This year 25 school communities will benefit from brand new facilities through major regeneration projects:

- Altona/Bayside Regeneration – Altona North Campus of Bayside Secondary College, Altona Gate Primary School, Altona West Primary School, Altona Secondary College;
- Broadmeadows Regeneration – Broadmeadows Secondary College, Broadmeadows Primary School, Meadowfair North Primary School, Jacana Primary School, Broadmeadows West Primary School, Westmeadows Heights Primary School, Erinbank Secondary College, and Hillcrest Secondary College;
- Dandenong Regeneration – Dandenong High School, Cleeland Secondary College, and Doveton Secondary College;
- Sunshine East Regeneration – Sunshine East Primary School, Braybrook Primary School, and Sunvale Primary School;
- Colac Regeneration – Colac High School and Colac College.
John Monash Science School

$20 million has been allocated over two years to build a specialist science school based at the Clayton campus of Monash University. The school will be situated adjacent to the Science Technology Research Innovation precinct, at the centre of Victoria's science and technology hub. Approximately 600 students will be enrolled in Years 10 to 12. Enrolment will be based on students’ capabilities in science, with interviews conducted in the six months prior to the opening of the school at the beginning of 2010.

New Selective Entry Schools

$19 million has been allocated to build the first stage of Victoria’s two new selective entry schools. One school will be built on the Monash University Berwick campus in Melbourne’s outer south-east while the other will be built in Wyndham Vale in the outer western growth corridor. Each school will take an initial Year 9 enrolment of 200 students at the start of the 2010 school year. The Brumby Government will invest a total of $20 million to build each selective entry school.

11 New Schools under the Partnerships Victoria in Schools Model

$171.2 million has been allocated to build the following new schools in metropolitan local government growth areas. The Partnerships Victoria in Schools Model will see the schools built and maintained through public–private partnership arrangements.

Point Cook North P–9 Cranbourne North East Primary School
Taylors Hill Primary School Kororoit Creek Primary School
Derrimut Primary School Mernda Central Primary School
Cranbourne East P–12 Truganina South P–9
Craigieburn West Primary School Lyndhurst Primary School
Casey Central Secondary College

Relocatable Classroom Renewal

$26 million will be allocated to the first tranche of the renewal program, to build more than 200 environmentally-friendly and energy-efficient relocatable classrooms.

Relocatable classrooms allow Victoria’s public school system to be more flexible, providing schools with the ability to manage fluctuations in student numbers from year to year, during capital works programs and in emergency situations such as fires, storms or floods.

$30 Million to Purchase Land

This funding will enable new and replacement schools to be built across Victoria in the future.