Education is the Brumby Government’s number one priority and a quality education is as much about first-class facilities as it is about catering to ever-evolving community needs.

Fast facts:

- Literacy Improvement Teams Initiative will continue to support teachers to improve student literacy outcomes in 2009-2011 with funding provided for 60 literacy coach positions, including 15 Koorie literacy coaches.
- The Teaching and Learning Coaches Initiative funds 200 coaches across all regions for 2008-09. As of July, 2008, these coaches were working in 382 schools, coaching 1536 teachers and reaching 33,878 students.
- Assistance is available at the early childhood level and fee subsidies and support services are available to ensure all children, from all backgrounds have the opportunity to learn and grow.
- A kindergarten fee subsidy is paid to funded organisations to enable eligible families access to a free 10-hour kindergarten program.
- New schools or campuses opening in 2009: Berwick Chase Primary School, Pakenham Lakeside Primary School, Manor Lakes P-12 Specialist College, Mount Ridley P-12 College, Laurimar Primary School, Caroline Springs P-9 College - Springside Campus, Casey Central College.
- PPP projects: Casey Central Secondary College, Cranbourne North East Primary School, Derrimut Primary School, Point Cook North P-9 School, Taylors Hill Primary School, Cranbourne East P-12 School, Lyndhurst Primary School, Mernda Central Primary School, Craigieburn West Primary School, Kororoit Creek Primary School, Truganina South Primary School.
- More than 330 Victorian government secondary schools currently offer VET subjects.
- Students can choose from a wide range of VET programs including more than 30 VCE VET programs such as business administration and engineering studies that can contribute to their tertiary entrance score (ENTER).
New children’s centres built as part of the Brumby Government’s $38.5 million boost to early childhood to open at the start of 2009: Churchill Intergenerational Centre, Yooralla Narre Warren Central Children’s Centre, Springside Children’s Centre, Docklands Children’s Centre.