

Media Release



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BUILDING THE EDUCATION STATE BRICK BY BRICK IN MAROONDAH

Families in Maroondah are a step closer to an upgraded Croydon Community School, with the Andrews Labor Government announcing \$500,000 in funding for planning works.

We are making sure every child gets the very best start in life, planning, building and upgrading a record number of Victorian schools.

The \$685 million investment, part of the *Victorian Budget 2017/18*, will go to improving classrooms, upgrading facilities and building new schools across the state.

Detailed planning work is the first step towards future upgrades at Croydon Community School which is one of 12 projects to share in \$7 million to plan for the future.

The funding is part of the Labor Government's total \$2.5 billion investment in our schools, including over 1,000 existing school projects and 56 new schools.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

"Across our state, we want to make sure that our schools have the best facilities, our classrooms have the best teachers and that every child is given every chance to succeed."

"We're building the Education State brick by brick, school by school and that includes an upgraded Croydon Community School."

Quotes attributable to Shaun Leane MP, Member for Eastern Metropolitan Region

"This is an exciting first step towards delivering the modern facilities that staff and students at Croydon Community School deserve."

"These aren't just numbers in a spreadsheet. This is a real investment in kids in Eastern Metropolitan Region."