

Media Release

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MORE JOBS AND BOOSTING SCHOOL CAPACITY IN PASCOE VALE

The Victorian Government will fix old buildings, deliver extra classrooms and build ten brand new schools in a state-wide construction blitz that will create thousands of jobs across the state and kickstart Victoria's economy.

Member for Pascoe Vale Lizzie Blandthorn today announced Glenroy West Primary School is among nine metropolitan schools to share in an investment of \$130.1 million to help provide additional capacity to meet enrolment growth.

When completed, these projects, part of the Established Areas Program, will provide 1,550 extra spaces for Victorian students, including 200 at Glenroy West Primary School.

Glenroy West Primary will receive at least \$18.12 million to deliver an upgrade and modernisation of the school, including adding new facilities for an additional 200 students to meet enrolment growth for the 2022 school year.

Ms Blandthorn also today announced Pascoe Vale South Primary School will share in \$388.8 million for 57 upgrade and modernisation projects at schools across Victoria. This includes all school upgrades the Victorian Government committed to at the 2018 election.

In addition to the \$100,000 received in the 2019-20 State Budget, the Victorian Government is providing \$1.23 million to Pascoe Vale South Primary School to transform the school's tired old facilities with the construction of a new school hall and support spaces, and a new playground.

These projects are part of the Victorian Government's *Building Works* package, which will deliver \$2.7 billion in shovel-ready projects – big and small – to get thousands of people back to work across our state.

The package includes a \$1.18 billion education building program will also build new schools, deliver and refurbish relocatable classrooms and make schools more accessible for students and staff with disabilities.

Together, the projects will create space for more than 21,000 extra students in Victoria's education system and create more than 1,600 local construction jobs in communities across Victoria.

This \$1.18 billion education building program is in addition to the \$6.1 billion invested by the Victorian Government on delivering school upgrades since 2014, supporting more than 7,500 construction jobs for Victorians.

The Victorian Government is building the Education State so everyone can get a great education, no matter their background or where they live.

Quotes attributable to Member for Pascoe Vale Lizzie Blandthorn:

"This investment will upgrade schools, create thousands of jobs and help our economy recover from coronavirus."

"We're upgrading schools so they can take more student enrolments and to ensure every young person has access to a great local school."

"We are investing record funding in our schools to make Victoria the Education State."

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