

Media Release

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UPGRADING DIGGERS REST PRIMARY SCHOOL BRICK BY BRICK

This year, Diggers Rest families have done an incredible job in supporting students to learn from home. As kids get back into the classroom, we want to make sure they have the fantastic new learning spaces they deserve.

The Andrews Labor Government has built and upgraded more schools than any government in our state's history, and the *Victorian Budget 2020/21* continues that record of investment.

Minister for Education James Merlino and Member for Sunbury Josh Bull today announced Diggers Rest Primary School will receive \$3.2 million to upgrade and modernise the school, including the Administration Block.

This investment builds on the \$1.18 billion as part of the *Building Works Package* announced earlier this year, which is creating space for more than 21,000 extra students in Victoria's education system and creating around 1,600 local construction jobs.

Across Victoria, the Labor Government is delivering 1,460 school upgrades – investing in new classrooms, fixing old buildings and delivering the learning spaces our kids deserve.

The Labor Government's unprecedented \$7.2 billion investment in Victorian school infrastructure is not only creating 7,500 jobs – it is ensuring that ensuring every child has a great local school where they can achieve their best.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

"This is an investment in our kids and their future. Because every child, no matter where they go to school, deserves access to state-of-the-art facilities."

"Schools are the heart of our communities, so it makes sense that we're investing in upgrades to support local jobs to drive our economic recovery."

Quotes attributable to Member for Sunbury Josh Bull

"Families in Diggers Rest have done a phenomenal job in supporting student to learn from home. As kids return to their classrooms, we want to make Diggers Rest Primary School better than before."

"Not only will this make sure our kids are getting a great education – it'll create new local jobs."

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