



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## UPGRADED FACILITIES FOR HOMESTEAD SENIOR COMPLETE

Work has now wrapped up at Point Cook's Homestead Senior Secondary with the completion of brand-new facilities at this great local school.

Member for Altona District Jill Hennessy today announced works are now complete on Homestead Senior's upgrade to science labs including the installation of student gas jets to better service the science and physics curriculums, with \$62,124 provided by the State Government through its Minor Capital Works Fund program.

In the past seven years, the Victorian Government has invested more than \$10.9 billion in building new schools and more than 1,700 school upgrades, creating around 13,500 jobs in construction and associated industries. It is now ahead of schedule in its commitment to open 100 new schools by 2026, with 62 new schools opening between 2019 and 2024.

While much of this funding went on new schools and significant upgrades to help meet increasing demand, this fund is about delivering the small projects that make a big difference while also supporting local jobs.

The *Victorian Budget 2021/22* invests \$20 million in the Minor Capital Works Fund to improve learning spaces as well as the condition and character of schools.

More than 300 Victorian government schools have been allocated funding to fast-track priority projects under the Minor Capital Works Fund to improve learning environments as well as the condition and character of schools.

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino**

*"Victoria's school building boom is all about making sure our kids have the classrooms – and the bright futures – they deserve."*

### **Quotes attributable to Member for Altona District Jill Hennessy**

*"The completion of this school-led project will mean that students can really make the most of the science and physics curriculums that Homestead Senior Secondary has to offer."*

*"This Labor Government funded program is all about making sure that our schools have the best facilities for local students to learn, grow and thrive at school".*