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ARCHITECT APPOINTED FOR ALTONA DISTRICT SCHOOL UPGRADE

Better facilities are on their way for students at Seabrook Primary School with the appointment of an architect to design the school's important upgrade through the Minor Capital Works Fund.

Member for Altona District Jill Hennessy today announced Whisker Architecture would design works to be undertaken at Seabrook Primary to deliver a refurbishment of toilet blocks to provide modern amenities for students.

The Labor Government has provided \$317,665 to go towards this important project.

The *Victorian Budget 2020/21* invests \$70 million in the new Minor Capital Works Fund, which includes \$20 million as previously announced as part of the *Building Works Package*.

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.

In the past five years, the Victorian Government has invested more than \$9 billion in more than 1,600 school upgrades – creating more than 10,000 construction jobs – and is now ahead of schedule its commitment to open 100 new schools by 2026, with 48 new schools opening between 2019 and 2022.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

“Every student should have a great school, no matter where they live. That’s why we’re investing in hundreds of small but important projects that will make a big difference for schools and create jobs for Victorians.”

Quotes attributable to Member for Altona District Jill Hennessy

“I’m delighted that this funding will support Seabrook Primary to improve the amenity of school toilets and modernise this important facility.”

“It’s exciting that this project is well on its way with the appointment of architects to design these new amenities.”