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NEW OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE FOR POINT COOK STUDENTS

Works on an exciting new learning space are now complete, as part of a \$189,400 upgrade to make Point Cook P-9 College more inclusive for more students.

Member for Altona District Jill Hennessy welcomed the news of the practical completion of this exciting project made possible by funding through the Inclusive Schools Fund.

The new outdoor learning space is designed to complement the existing indoor support program facility at this great school. It includes an enclosed area with seating and tables, sensory materials, a mini trampoline as well as a play space with artificial turf.

The Victorian Budget 2021/22 includes \$10 million for the Inclusive Schools Fund to help make our schools more accessible and inclusive for young people with a disability and additional needs.

Since its inception in 2015, the Fund has supported 308 primary, secondary and specialist schools to build inclusive indoor and outdoor learning spaces as well as accessible playgrounds.

Inclusive education is about ensuring that all students, regardless of disabilities or other differences, can fully participate, learn, develop and succeed in Victorian government schools.

The Labor Government is building the Education State to ensure every student can access a great local school and get a great education.

Strengthening inclusive education for all students, including those with disabilities and additional learning needs, is fundamental to an equitable and excellent school system.

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.

Quotes attributable to Jill Hennessy MP

"I'm so delighted for the students at Point Cook P-9 who'll get to use this thoughtful new space once school resumes next term."

"I'm sure the students and teachers at Point Cook P-9 will find valuable ways to use this outdoor learning space that will cater to a wider range of needs across teaching and learning."