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BUILDER APPOINTED FOR ALTONA GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL UPGRADE

Better facilities are on their way for students at Altona Green Primary with a builder having been appointed for an important upgrade thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Jill Hennessy today announced Raysett Constructions Australia has been appointed to Altona Green to deliver an upgrade to toilet blocks at the school.

The Labor Government has provided \$500,000 to go towards the important upgrade that will see students and teachers benefit from more modern and attractive facilities that the whole school can feel proud of.

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, the Minor Capital Works fund is about delivering the small projects that make a big difference while also supporting local jobs.

Projects through the Minor Capital Works Fund will be progressively delivered with all projects to be completed by the end of 2022.

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.

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

“Altona Green students and staff deserve modern facilities that they can feel proud of. I know that this upgrade will be a great boost to the school community, and I look forward to seeing the outcome of this project”

“Altona Green has a long, proud history of taking this wonderful school from strength to strength. And this is another milestone that will do just that.”