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A BIG BOOST FOR INCLUSION IN ALTONA

Sensory play equipment, outdoor learning spaces and kitchen gardens are among a number of innovative school building projects the Andrews Labor Government is supporting, making sure every Victorian student has the opportunity to fully participate and succeed.

Hon Jill Hennessy MP today announced Altona Green Primary School has been successful through Round 7 of the Inclusive Schools Fund with a grant of \$200,000 to build an inclusive playground including new play equipment.

The fund supports small building projects that make a big difference to the educational and social needs of all children and young people, including those with a disability and additional needs, by increasing participation opportunities and improving learning outcomes.

The *Victorian Budget 2021/22* invested \$10 million into the Inclusive Schools Fund, building on a boost of \$20 million in the *Victorian Budget 2020/21*.

The Labor Government launched the Inclusive Schools Fund in 2015 to help Victorian schools cater for all students, and make sure all children and young people can fully participate, learn, develop and succeed. Since then, more than 340 projects have shared in \$70 million in funding for inclusive projects.

The next round of funding is expected to be launched in early 2022.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

“The Education State is all about ensuring every Victorian child has the best opportunities to succeed – regardless of differences – and small projects like these make a world of difference to students of all abilities.”

“Congratulations to all the successful applicants, I look forward to seeing these wonderful projects come to life to support more students to fully participate and succeed during their school life.”

Quotes attributable to Member for Altona District Jill Hennessy MP

“I’m so thrilled students in Altona will have access to more inclusive spaces through the latest round of the Inclusive Schools Fund –and can’t wait to see the finished project.”