

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The Victorian Budget 2018/19 includes a **\$135.9 million** boost to early childhood services – ensuring our kids are ready for kinder, ready for school and ready for life.



# \$42.9 million

– the largest state investment in kinder infrastructure in Victoria’s history – to build, upgrade and equip kinders across Victoria so thousands more children will be able to attend. This includes **\$9 million** to construct and co-locate early childhood development facilities at schools

# \$17.9 million



to fund a Victorian-first language program to deliver language sessions to up to 120 kinders across the state, with another 10 to have up to half of their daily curriculum delivered in a language other than English

# \$8 million



to continue to build a highly skilled early childhood teaching workforce

# \$8.9 million



to maintain universal access to 15 hours a week of kindergarten in 2019 with improved educator-to-child ratios, teacher salaries and other costs.

### Maternal and Child Health (MCH) service

The Budget provides **\$4 million** to continue funding for Maternal and Child Health (MCH) services for Aboriginal families. Local government and Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations will deliver MCH services directly or in partnership with local government, and scholarships will be offered to support Aboriginal nurses to undertake study in midwifery and MCH.



# VICTORIAN BUDGET 18/19



## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

### 5 MINUTE GUIDE






## SCHOOLS

### Investing in our schools

We'll keep building new schools and upgrading existing ones because every Victorian family, wherever they live, deserves a good quality school.

This Budget is investing **\$1.25 billion** to build and upgrade Victoria's schools.

 **\$353.2 million**  
to build and plan 28 new schools in the fastest growing parts of the state

**\$271.7 million**   
to purchase land for new schools


 **\$482.8 million**  
to expand, upgrade and modernise 134 schools across the state

**\$10 million**   
boost to the Inclusive Schools Fund to help more schools build inclusive facilities.

### Supporting students to achieve their best


Previous budgets have invested in creating the best teachers. This Budget builds on that by investing in making sure kids are ready to learn and supporting students to make better decisions on careers and pathways.

 **\$109 million**  
to redesign Careers Education to assist students to make better career and pathway decisions

**\$50 million**   
for 1,700 new Head Start Apprenticeships and Traineeships at 100 Victorian government secondary schools, giving students the option of doing an extra year of school to finish as a fully qualified apprentice or trainee

 **\$25.9 million**  
to enhance vocational pathways by improving students' access to high quality Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS)

**\$44 million**   
to expand the successful Navigator program, providing intensive outreach support to young people at risk of disengaging from school

 **\$32.9 million**  
to improve STEM outcomes through training 200 teachers to become Primary Maths and Science Specialists.



## TRAINING AND SKILLS

The Victorian Government's record investment in major projects has created a massive demand for skilled workers. That's why the Victorian Government is investing **\$644 million** to continue transforming skills and training in Victoria – with TAFEs at the heart of the training system.


### Free TAFE for Priority Courses

**\$172 million**   
for Free TAFE for Priority Courses will provide tuition-fee-free training for 30 non-apprenticeship courses and 18 courses that provide pathways to apprenticeships across the state, for Victorians who are eligible for Victorian Government-subsidised training.

### Supporting our apprentices

Apprentices are the future of our workforce, and the Victorian Government is investing **\$43.8 million** to re-introduce trade papers, implement new independent assessments and update learning materials.

### Building better TAFEs

**\$120.4 million**   
to be invested in three major TAFE projects:

- **\$35.5 million** to redevelop Federation Training Morwell, including a Future Skills Training Centre and a Technical Training Centre of Excellence
- **\$25 million** for Federation Training's Port of Sale Development to consolidate its services in Sale into a new Educational Community and Industry Hub
- **\$59.9 million** to revitalise the Bendigo Kangan Institute Bendigo City Campus.

### More funding for more training

**\$304 million**   
to fund our TAFEs, Learn Locals and private training providers to deliver almost 40,000 additional training places.