

Upgrading and expanding kindergartens

The Budget includes **\$473.2 million** in funding for early childhood infrastructure.

\$283 million



in capital funding to support increased capacity to deliver kindergarten programs for three-year-olds

- **\$156.6 million** in infrastructure grants funding to further support increased capacity to deliver kindergarten programs for three-year-olds in partnership with the sector through a co-contribution model
- **\$27.6 million** for the Children's Facilities Capital Program to build, upgrade and improve existing early years facilities

\$6 million



to improve playgrounds and buildings and provide equipment to help kindergartens be more inclusive and accessible to children with additional needs

Supporting Victorian children

The Victorian Government is making sure children are getting the support they need early in life including:

- **\$24.1 million** to start work on the Child Link Register, which will improve information sharing between key professionals responsible for the wellbeing and safety of children
- **\$3.4 million** for Early Childhood Intervention Services to support children with additional needs who are ineligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme



TRAINING AND SKILLS

More Victorians will get the skills they need for the jobs the Victorian Government is creating with more training and better facilities. This budget includes **\$231.1 million** to continue the Victorian Government's transformation of our training sector.

Free TAFE

\$69.7 million



to expand and continue Free TAFE for Priority Courses for Victorians who are eligible for Victorian Government-subsidised training

- **\$28.5 million** to add two new early childhood TAFE courses to the Free TAFE course list as part of the Victorian Government's introduction of subsidised kindergarten for three-year-olds
- **\$41.2 million** to continue the roll-out of the successful Free TAFE program across Victoria's TAFE network

\$82.7 million



for more places through TAFEs and training organisations. This will create new training places in areas that meet the skills needs of Victorian industries and priority workforces

\$10.3 million



for apprenticeship initiatives including **\$5.6 million** for the Big Build and Social Services higher apprenticeships to give Victorians new opportunities to earn while they learn at higher qualification levels, and **\$4.7 million** to ensure apprentices have the support they need

Upgrading and rebuilding

\$57 million



towards upgrading and building new TAFE facilities including:

- **\$23.5 million** to upgrade the culinary school at The Gordon
- **\$20.3 million** for a new learning and library hub for South West TAFE jointly funded with Warrnambool City Council
- **\$10.2 million** for an integrated centre for sustainable construction technologies at Box Hill Institute Lilydale Campus
- **\$2.5 million** to build a health and community services training facility at GOTAFE Seymour Campus
- **\$500,000** for Melbourne Polytechnic and Chisholm Institute to complete planning and concept design works for their Collingwood and Frankston campuses

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THE EDUCATION STATE



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

5 MINUTE GUIDE



Education and Training



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Making Victoria the Education State starts with the early years. This is why we are delivering the biggest reform in the state's history of early education to provide subsidised kindergarten programs to three-year-olds. The Victorian Budget 2019/20 invests a record **\$1 billion** in early childhood education.

Kindergarten programs for three-year-olds

This budget includes **\$881.6 million** to begin the roll-out, which will give children access to two years of subsidised kindergarten programs delivered by a teacher.

\$92.4 million



to support early childhood teachers and educators through more professional development, mentoring and scholarships, so that as three-year-old kindergarten rolls out across Victoria, our children continue to have access to highly trained professionals

- **\$32.5 million** for children experiencing vulnerability and disadvantage so they can access and meaningfully participate in kindergarten programs for three-year-olds, including through preschool field officers and the Kindergarten Inclusion Support and Pre-Purchased Places programs

\$26.1 million



to extend the Australian-first School Readiness Funding initiative to three-year-olds, supporting children to get the most out of kindergarten

- **\$22.3 million** to support practitioners to deliver quality educational programs, including access to tools to help tailor learning strategies and capacity-building resources and supports



SCHOOLS

The Victorian Government is continuing to build on its significant investment in the Education State.

Biggest building spend

This budget invests **\$1.82 billion** as part of the biggest education infrastructure program in Victoria's history.

\$624.8 million



towards delivering 100 new schools across the state over the next eight years. This is in addition to **\$46 million** to acquire land for future school sites



\$402 million

for infrastructure projects at non-government schools to deliver great schools across Victoria. This includes immediate upgrades to 15 schools

\$362.7 million



to upgrade 59 schools and plan for 44 further upgrades



\$101.3 million

to provide additional classrooms to schools to meet demand as part of the Relocatable Buildings Program

\$179.5 million

to remove asbestos that may pose a risk in the future in schools by the end of 2020. This includes upgrading 35 schools with new modular buildings

\$20 million

for projects to support students with additional needs and disabilities through the Accessible Buildings Program and Inclusive Schools Fund



\$3 million

for refurbishments in secondary schools to ensure students receive new mental health services in appropriate rooms

\$1 million

for planning and design to be undertaken at Clifton Springs Primary School and Sandringham College



Putting our students first

We're making sure all students – regardless of their background or circumstances – can do their best while attending school and get the support they need to succeed.



\$58 million

to expand the School Breakfast Clubs Program to an additional 500 schools, providing healthy breakfasts as well as lunches and school holiday supplies to children from disadvantaged backgrounds

\$20.7 million



to provide girls at all government schools with access to free tampons and sanitary pads, in an Australian-first program



\$8.4 million

to continue providing support and programs for students with disabilities and additional needs, including equipment boosts for schools and outside school hours care programs

\$7.5 million

to boost community language schools, giving more students the support they need to learn or maintain their heritage language or the language spoken by their family

