



Department of Education and  
Early Childhood Development

# 2013-14 PAEC Presentation

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# 2013-14 Budget Context

## Government's Vision for Education: *Towards Victoria as a Learning Community (TVLC)*

*TVLC outlines the Government's plan to improve Victorian students' outcomes in line with the global top tier*



### Autonomy

- providing schools with the flexibility to make locally informed decisions

### Professional Trust

- valuing the leaders and teachers who will drive the third wave

### Accountability and Support

- addressing lagging performance in a targeted and timely way



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## Government's Vision for Education: *New Directions*

The Government's *New Directions for School Leadership and the Teaching Profession* position paper outlines three key actions to improve the quality of teaching in Victoria:

Attract great  
people into  
teaching

Create a high  
performance  
profession

Provide strong  
direction and  
support

*“The greatest force for realising our goal of moving into the global top tier is the quality of teaching in Victoria’s schools.”*



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*Overhauling the education bureaucracy to reduce the burden on all Victorian government schools:*

- ✓ Regional offices now acting as support agencies for schools
- ✓ Greater autonomy to Principals over the management of Student Support Services, ensuring services are timely and responsive to school needs
- ✓ Control over school networks returned to Principals
- ✓ Principals and school councils given greater control over capital works management



*Total additional investment in the Education portfolio since 2011-12:*

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Output funding</i>      | \$944 million |
| <i>Asset funding (TEI)</i> | \$611 million |

Delivered Election Commitments:

- ✓ Expansion of Primary Welfare Officers
- ✓ Increased funding for students with special needs
- ✓ Critical school capital projects funded
- ✓ Investment in Maths, Science, and Languages programs



## Challenges for Education

*Key challenges for Education facing the 2013-14 State Budget:*

### Flat-lining Performance

- Victorian students' performance has flat-lined in recent years, and is below other top tier jurisdictions performance

### Commonwealth Uncertainty

- As funding comes to an end, proposed initiatives lack financial detail, making their impact on Victoria uncertain

### Growth

- Population boom is hitting schools now
- Increases in the cohort of students with a disability

### Asset Management

- Maintenance backlog of \$420 million and high demand for capital investment



## School Education in 2013-14

*The 2013-14 Budget will deliver more than **\$338 million** over five years for school education and will support the first tranche of reforms outlined in TVLC*

**\$59.8 million**  
for initiatives to  
move Victoria  
into the global  
top tier

**\$71.4 million** in  
support for  
students with  
additional  
needs

**\$203 million**  
for the School  
Capital Program



## Top Tier: Lifting School Performance

TVLC

*“Victorian Principals will review each other’s performance and hold each other to account for outcomes as part of major reforms to the school accountability process”*

**\$15.7  
million is  
allocated  
to:**

Improve the quality of candidates for principalship through a course to prepare high-potential principals for their first appointment

Build the capacity of leaders to improve teaching quality and student achievement through one-on-one and team coaching

Initiate the move towards peer-led accountability arrangements, supporting schools to learn from the best local examples of educational practice



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## Top Tier: China Immersion Program

TVLC

*“A stronger partnership model, allowing students to access different subjects across different school and non-school providers”*



**\$17.1 million** over five years will develop Chinese language proficiency and strengthen personal connections between Victoria and China.



Up to 1500 year 9 students will have the opportunity to study in China.



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## Support for Students with Additional Needs

*Building on the additional \$181.3 million provided for students with disabilities since 2011-12, funding in the 2013-14 Budget provides:*



**\$38.1 million** to support over 1,170 children by 2015 through the Program for Students with Disabilities



**\$12.7 million** to support 7,900 students through the Students with Disabilities Transport Program



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## Providing Effective Support for Vulnerable Students

*\$20.6 million over four years to support employment of approximately 70 Student Support Service Officers (SSS)*

**Delivering the Government's 2010 election commitment -**  
From 1 July 2012, the SSS program underwent significant reform to:

- Increase autonomy for Principals
- Improve the program's alignment with the Strategic Plan
- Improve transparency of funding



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## Managing our school asset base: School Capital Pipeline

TVLC

*A school capital works pipeline will be developed, providing much needed certainty to government school building works*

### ***Audit identified:***

\$420 million  
maintenance backlog

### ***Our response:***

570 buildings at 250  
schools will share in  
\$51.5 million.

A school capital  
pipeline will provide  
greater funding  
certainty for schools,  
leading to a more  
efficient asset  
management process



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## School Capital Program

*Total of \$611 million invested in school assets since 2011-12*

### The 2013-14 School Capital Program will deliver:

The final tranche of school capital election commitments

Funding for new schools and land acquisitions in Melbourne's growth areas

Other high priority capital works

Election  
Commitments

21 schools sharing over \$102 million to complete the final tranche of school capital election commitments, including:

Phoenix (P-12) Community College- **\$8.0m**

Golden Square Primary School - **\$6.5m**

Sandringham College - **\$6.0m**

Emerald Secondary College - **\$6.0m**

Rosebud Primary School- **\$2.8m**



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## New schools/Growth

*This year's school capital envelope delivers **\$79.6 million** for new schools and land acquisitions.*

### Funding for new schools to ensure Victoria will meet projected demand, including:

- Doreen Secondary College (Stage 1) - **\$11.5m**
- Officer Secondary College (Stage 1) - **\$11.5m**
- Melton North West Primary School - **\$11.5m**
- Truganina P-9 (Stage 1) - **\$10.0m**
- Wyndham Vale South Primary School **11.5m**

### Land acquisitions to secure sites for future Victorian schools:

- South Melbourne Proposed PS
- Cranbourne South West Proposed PS
- Connewarre School Precinct – Special School
- Sale Specialist School

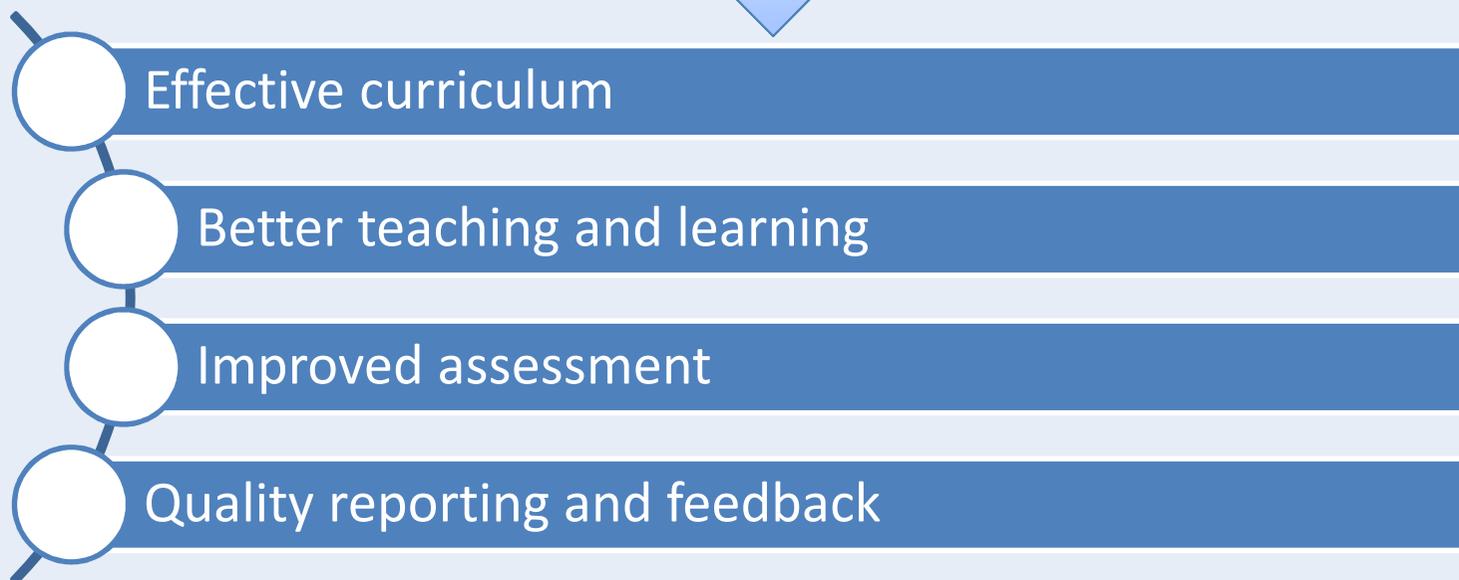


# 2013-14 Budget Summary

## Investing where it matters

*\$8.75 billion for school education in 2013-14*

*New Directions and Towards Victoria as a Learning Community*



*The 2013-14  
Budget contributes:*

