

# Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Inquiry into the 2023/24 Budget Estimates



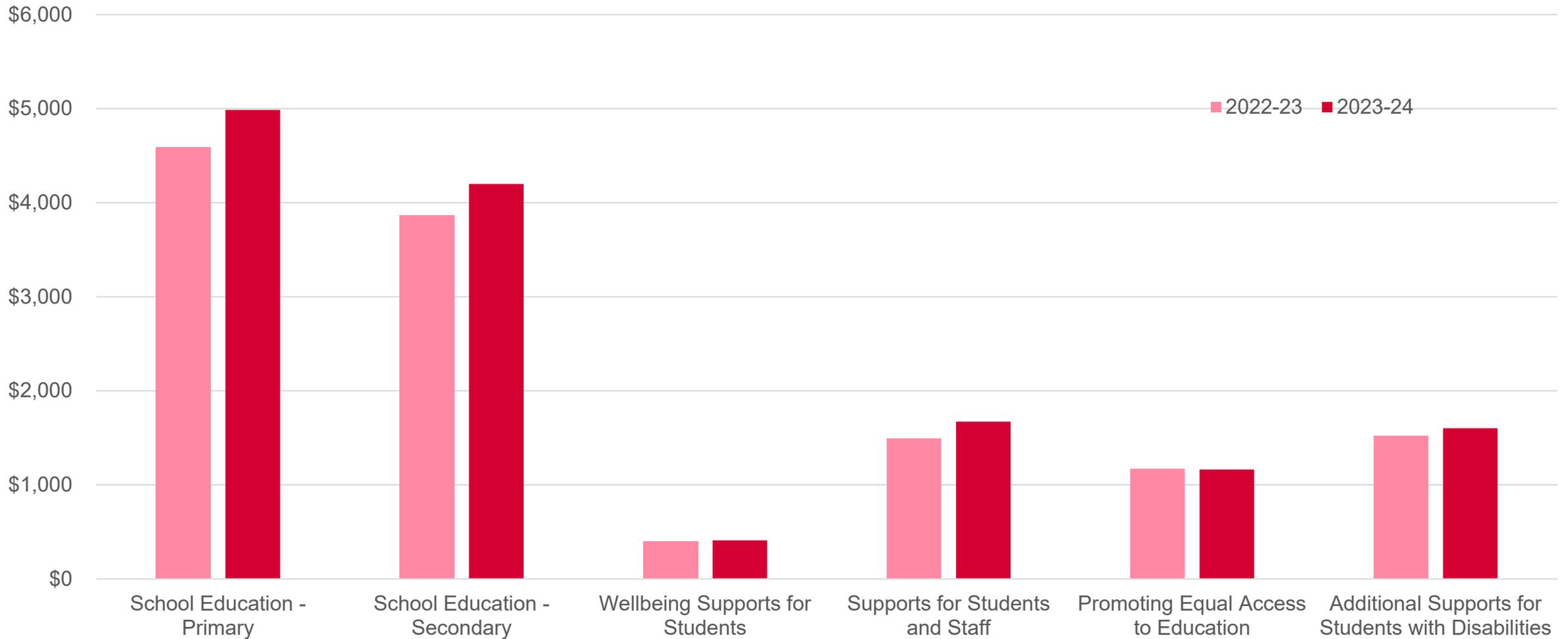
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# Strong investment in school education

Total output funding of \$14 billion in 2023-24 – an increase of almost \$1 billion (7.6%) since 2022-23

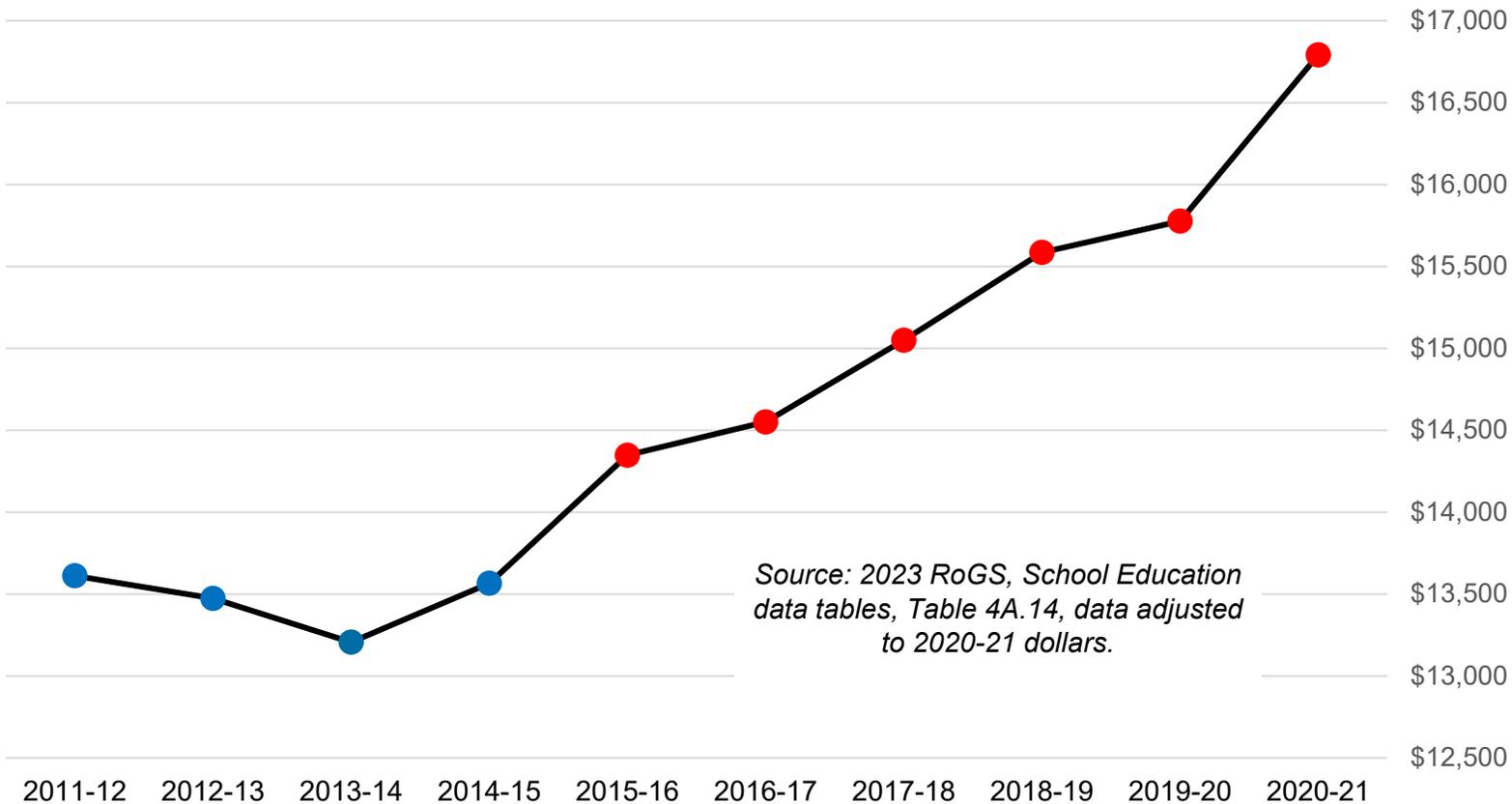


Graph - \$ million

Source: Victorian Budget 2023/24 – BP3, p125.

# Huge growth in funding for students

**Growth in funding for students in Victoria**  
Government recurrent expenditure per FTE government school student,  
2020-21 dollars



Source: 2023 RoGS, School Education data tables, Table 4A.14, data adjusted to 2020-21 dollars.

**Growth in per capita funding in government schools from 2014-15 to 2020-21:**

- Victoria - 23.8%
- NSW - 13.8%
- TAS - 13.4%
- SA - 10.3%
- QLD - 6.6%
- ACT - 4.9%
- NT - 3.7%
- WA - -8.2%

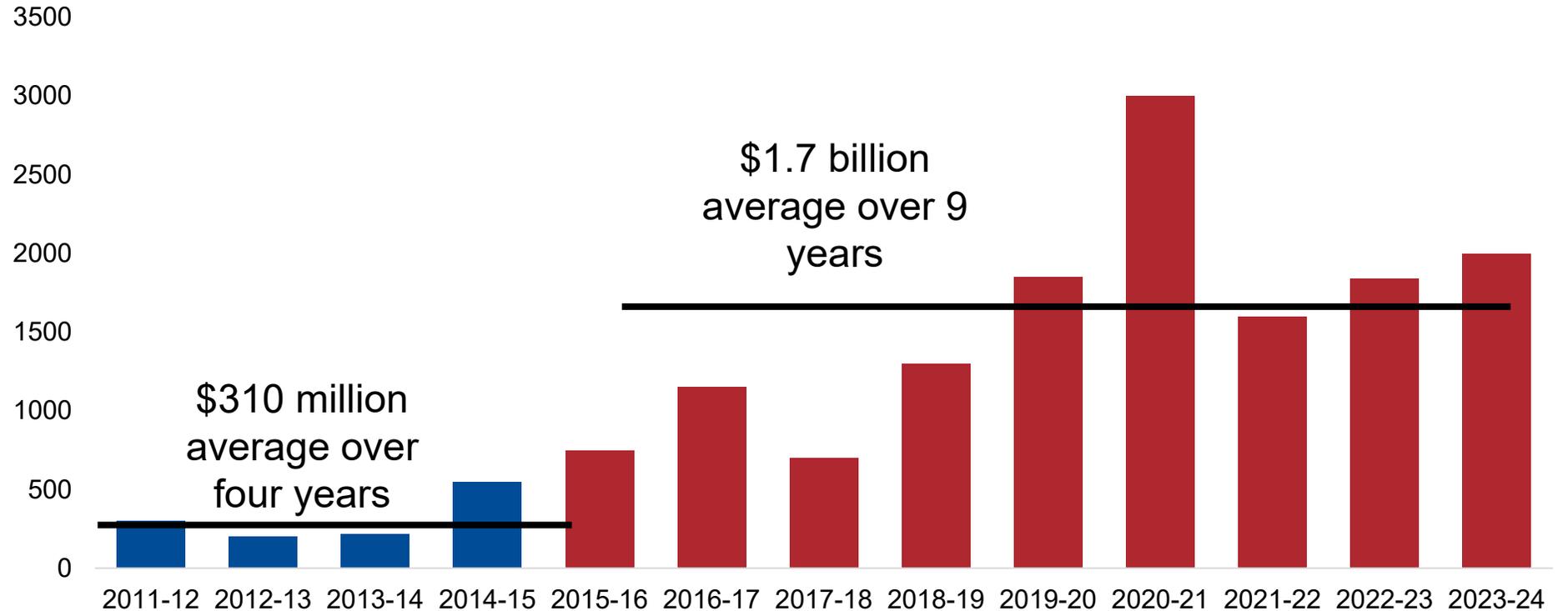
# School infrastructure investment – the best facilities for our kids

**\$14.9b**   
over 9 years

**84**   
new schools opened  
or funded

**1940+**   
school upgrade  
projects

**21,200**   
jobs supported in  
construction and  
associated industries



The current government's **annual average** spend of **\$1.7 billion** on school infrastructure is greater than the **total \$1.3 billion** spent by the former government over four years

# \$2 billion for new schools and capital upgrades – continuing our big investment in school buildings

**\$594.2 million** 

The new investment will build:

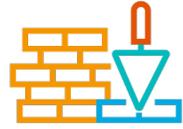
- **6** new schools to open in 2025
- **3** to open in 2026
- Starting planned and early works for another **3** to open in 2026
- Additional stages at **2** other schools.

There is also a further **\$3.6 million** for a school at the Royal Children's Hospital.



# More investment in upgrading and maintaining schools

**\$987 million**



for upgrades and improvements, including:

- **\$355.8 million** for upgrades at **47** schools and **\$24 million** for **54** schools to begin planning upgrades
- **\$10 million** to improve learning conditions through the Minor Capital Works Fund
- **\$450 million** for grants program for better facilities at low-fee Catholic and independent schools

**\$331 million**



for essential maintenance and compliance including:

- **\$217.5 million** in additional SRP maintenance funding
- **\$103.5 million** for the Planned Maintenance Program
- **\$10 million** for the Accessible Buildings Program



# Engaging students in high-quality education

## NAPLAN

In 2022 Victorian students ranked **first or second** in **12 out of the 20** measures



Year 3 top 2 bands reading from **51.2% in 2014** to **59.6% in 2022**



Year 5 bottom 2 bands reading from **15.3% in 2014** to **9.5% in 2022**



## School attendance

Victoria had the **highest attendance rates** in the nation in 2022, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students



Year 3 2022 NAPLAN mean scores by jurisdiction

	VIC	ACT	NSW	WA
Reading	452.8	448.4	444.7	428.4
Writing	429.3	425.8	432.7	419.3
Spelling	424.9	419.0	429.4	414.3
G&P	443.5	436.8	444.3	424.3
Numeracy	409.5	406.6	406.9	394.7

Year 5 2022 NAPLAN mean scores by jurisdiction

	VIC	ACT	NSW	WA
Reading	519.2	521.1	513.2	504.9
Writing	497.7	491.0	492.0	479.5
Spelling	508.7	509.0	512.9	504.7
G&P	503.0	501.4	506.1	497.1
Numeracy	493.5	493.5	495.6	487.0

- Victoria ranked 1st
- Victoria ranked 2nd

# Supporting the health and wellbeing of students

**\$10.6 million**   
to support anti-bullying  
programs for schools

**\$14.1 million**   
for critical health,  
wellbeing and inclusion  
services to schools –  
including Primary School  
Nursing Program

**\$15.5 million**   
to fund period  
products in all  
government schools

**\$2.8 million**   
Mental Health Fund  
and Menu



# Ensuring children reach their potential and helping ease cost-of-living pressures for families

**\$105.4 million** providing essential support for student learning, including:



School breakfasts for children at **1,000** schools



Funding for around **1 million** school uniforms and other essential items



Glasses for Kids will screen over **34,000** prep to Year 3 students at more than **290** government schools.



**\$168.7 million** for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund



**\$19.2 million** for place-based initiatives, including our education plans



**\$3.8 million** for Books in Prep Bags



**\$4.7 million** Excellence and equity rural and regional students

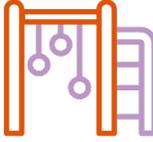


**\$16.5 million** Student Excellence Program



# Supporting students with disability and their families

**\$244.8 million** includes:

**\$121.7 million**   
for specialist  
Outside School  
Hours Care

**\$31.9 million**   
for Students with  
Disabilities  
Transport Program  
including 6 new  
services

**\$25 million**   
for therapy  
pools

**\$21.2 million**   
to fund NDIS  
navigators at all 89  
specialist schools

**\$6.3 million**   
to develop further  
extra-curricular  
activities for students  
in specialist schools

**\$10 million**   
towards the  
Inclusive Schools  
Fund for  
infrastructure

**\$4.8 million**   
for assistance  
animal training

**1,000** scholarships   
for regional and rural  
speech pathologists  
and occupational  
therapists

# Backing our multicultural and multifaith communities

**\$6 million** 

to support Victoria's multicultural and multifaith communities. Funding includes:

**\$3.5 million** 

to create three beacon schools to teach Hindi and Punjabi languages

**\$150,000** 

for Hindi and Punjabi teaching scholarships

**\$1.8 million** 

to support Community Language Schools provide language programs

**\$600,000** 

to help fund Community Languages Victoria



# Supporting our most vulnerable young people

**\$16.9 million** 

Refugee Education Support

**\$19.9 million** 

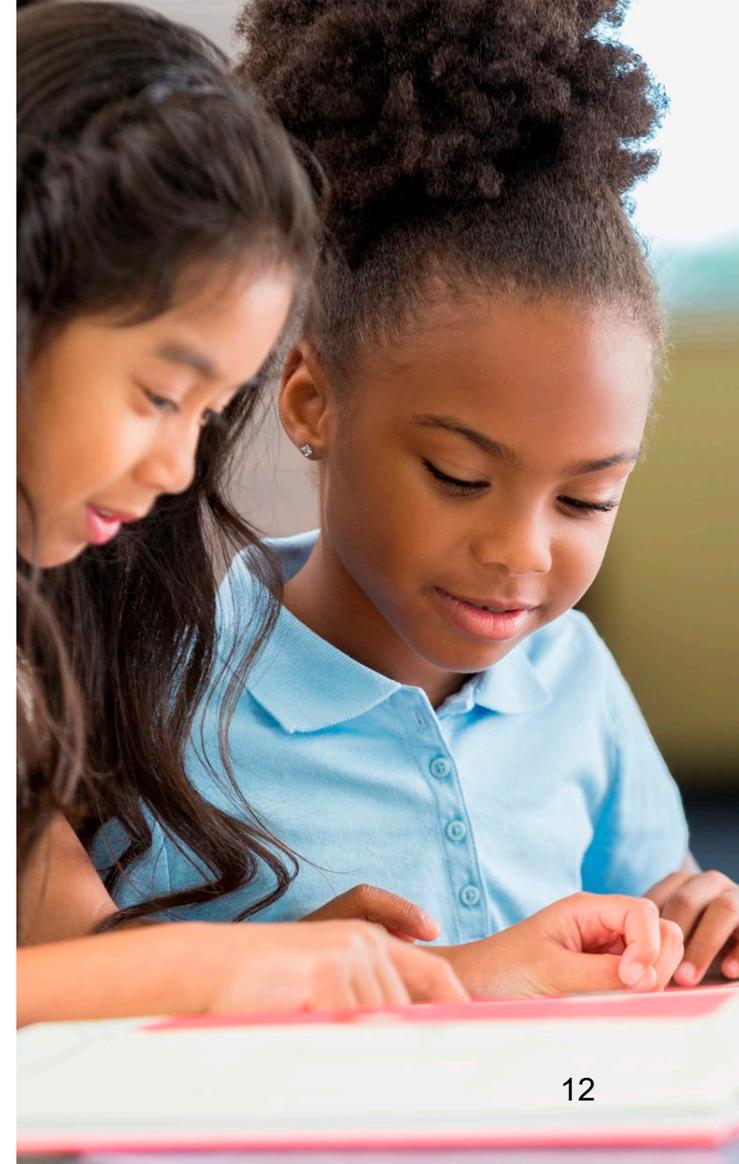
To better engage students to remain in learning:

- **\$10.2 million** to help early school leavers remain engaged with learning including young Koorie people
- **\$2.7 million** to track and re-engage those who have left school.

**\$13.3 million** 

to improve the educational outcomes for young people at risk, including:

- **\$12 million** to support CALD students at risk of disengaging
- **\$1.2 million** to support young CALD people particularly at risk from offending.



# Investing in our teachers

**\$131 million**



to support teachers and education support staff who attend school camps with new on-call payments

**\$13.6 million**



to attract more First Nations people to the teaching profession

**\$12 million**



to expand teacher re-engagement support services

**\$32.2 million**



for placement supports for pre-service teachers in rural and targeted schools

**\$9.5 million**



to support flexible working arrangements for school leaders

**\$8.8 million**



will help ensure that schools are safe places of work and learning for staff and students

**\$36.9 million**



to reduce workload by providing high-quality lesson plans, curriculum implementation support and new professional development opportunities



# Preparing students for the future economy and clean energy pathways

**\$116 million** 

for **6** new Tech Schools so more than **62,000** secondary students can access high-tech STEM learning



Funding includes **\$10 million** to establish a Clean Energy Equipment Fund for new and existing Tech Schools



In addition, there is:

**\$7.5 million** to introduce a clean energy VET pathway for senior secondary students



**\$19.1 million** to help students learn about the world of work, including funding to support **10,000** students to access work experience in in-demand areas, such as clean energy.



