

Victorian Budget 2025/26

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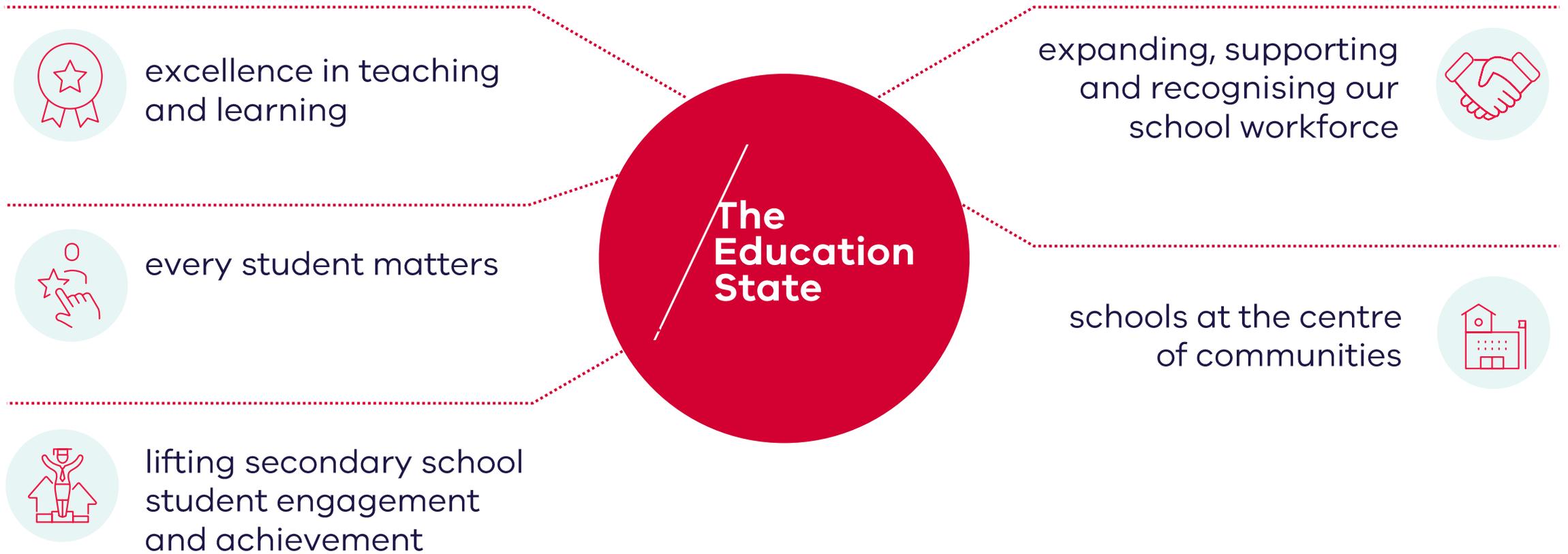
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Building the Education State: \$38.6 billion record investment





\$38.6b

over 11 years

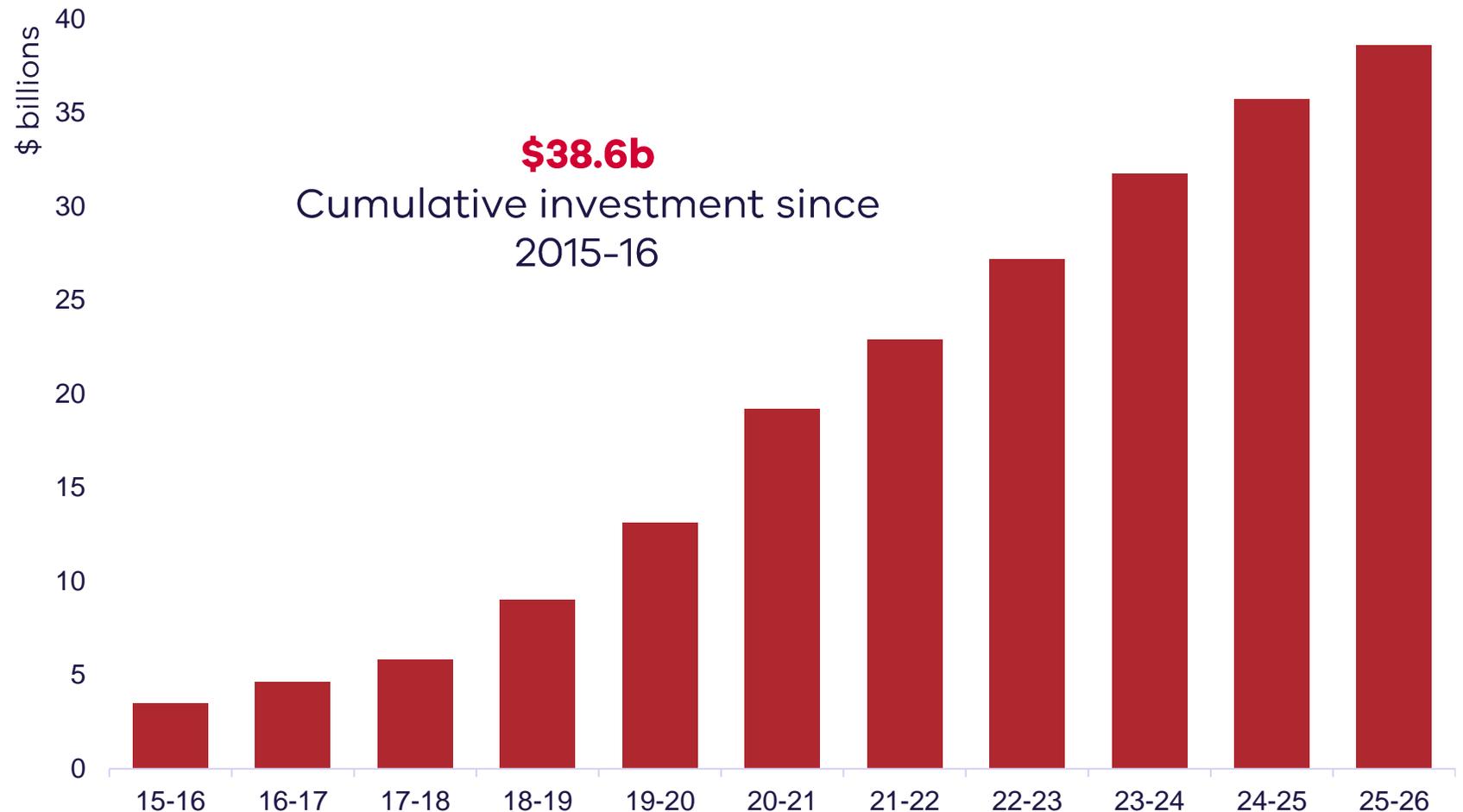
123

new schools
opened or
funded

2,300+

school upgrade
projects

Investing in school education



An additional **\$2.9 billion**, including **\$1.5 billion** in infrastructure, brings the total government investment to **\$38.6 billion since 2015–16**, including \$18.5 billion to build and upgrade schools in every corner of the state.



This year's Budget



Total output funding of **\$15.1 billion** in 2025-26

\$133.3m

Excellence in teaching and learning: investing in evidence-based approaches

\$440.6m

Every student matters: promoting equal access to education

\$54.4m

Lifting secondary student engagement and achievement

\$158.7m

Expanding, supporting and recognising our workforce

\$1.5b

Schools at the centre of communities: providing modern and fit-for-purpose schools

Removing barriers and easing cost-of-living pressures



From 2026

\$152.3m

to boost the amount students can receive through the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

This will increase fund rates to \$400 for eligible government and non-government school students: up from \$154 in primary schools and \$256 in secondary schools

Ongoing support for:



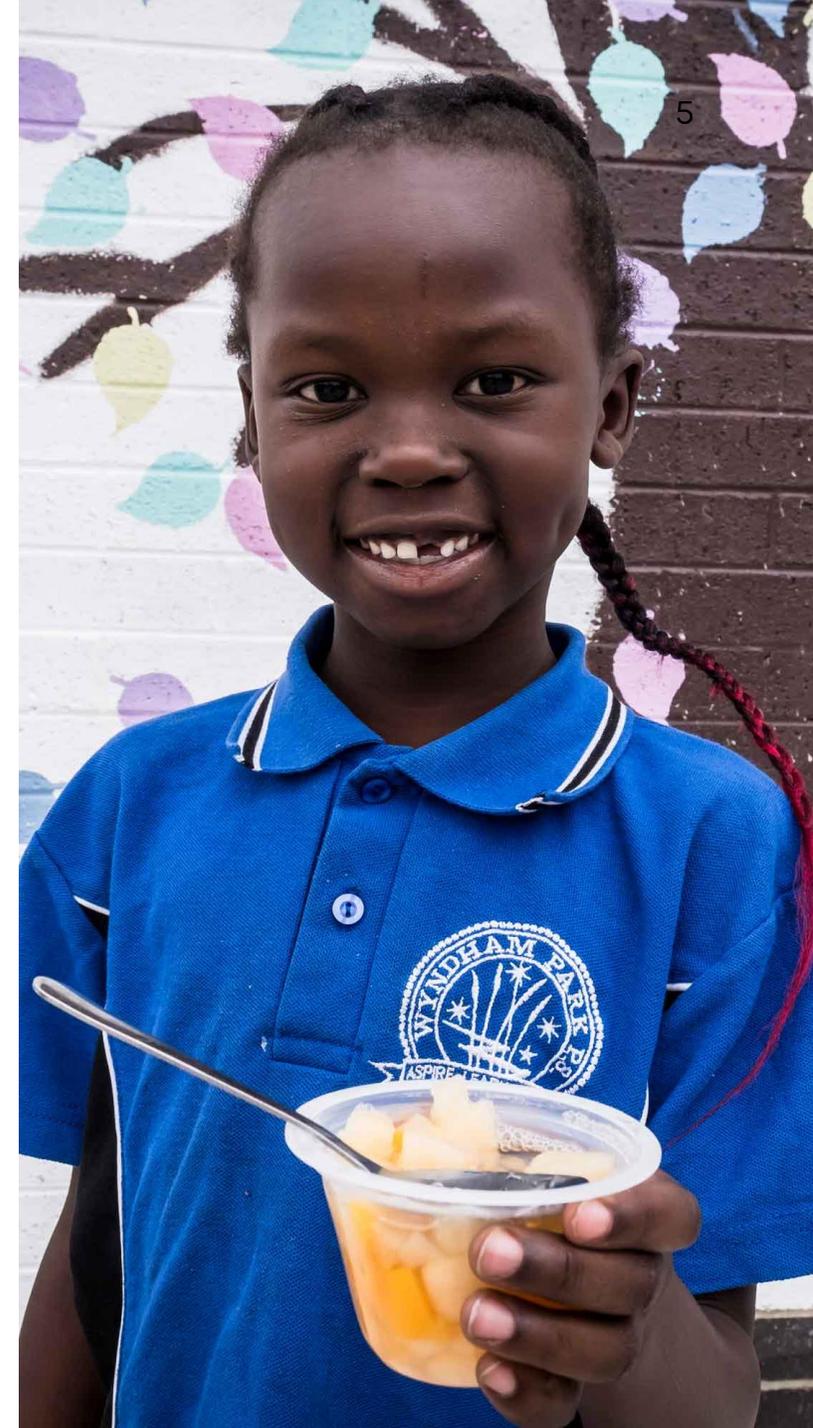
Glasses for Kids

- More than 800 school visits
- More than 8,600 free pairs of glasses for students



School Breakfast program

- More than 50 million free meals provided to -students
- 1,215 schools offering the program



Schools: NAPLAN

In 2024, Victorian students performed above the national average in all domains across years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Victoria ranked first for Reading and Numeracy in Year 3. Victoria ranked first for Writing in years 5, 7 and 9.

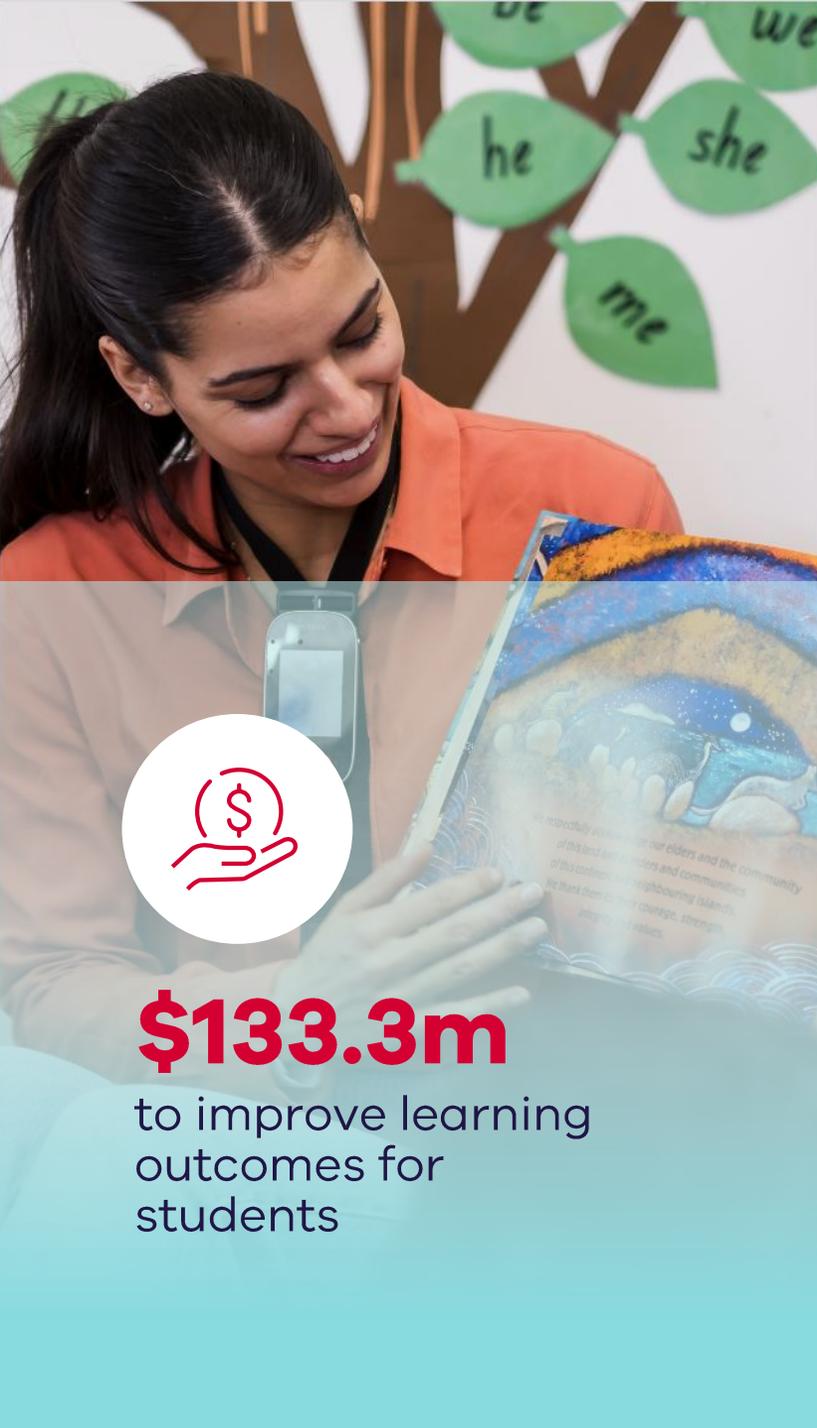
More than 70% of Year 3 and more than 75% of Year 5 students achieved in the 'strong' or 'exceeding' proficiency levels for Reading.

Year 3 NAPLAN performance 2024

		VIC	ACT	NSW	WA
Reading	1st	417.7	415.0	410.5	391.7
Numeracy	1st	413.4	412.0	410.1	396.3
Writing	2nd	422.9	418.2	426.7	408.7
Spelling	2nd	407.9	403.2	411.8	395.3
G&P	3rd	417.4	420.6	418.8	399.1

Year 5 NAPLAN performance 2024

		VIC	ACT	NSW	WA
Reading	2nd	504.7	505.2	496.4.5	483.8
Numeracy	3rd	497.3	497.4	496.7	484.8
Writing	1st	496.1	486.3	493.2	478.2
Spelling	2nd	491.6	491.3	495.6	485.3
G&P	3rd	504.1	504.2	506.5	492.1



\$133.3m

to improve learning outcomes for students

Excellence in teaching and learning: investing in evidence-based approaches

\$46.6m

to improve numeracy outcomes, including **\$16.3 million** for a new Grade 1 Numeracy Check and Progressive Achievement Test

\$34.6m

to improve literacy outcomes, including **\$12.9 million** to keep rolling out the Grade 1 Phonics Check, and to support use of the Progressive Achievement Test



Every student matters: promoting equal access to education



\$319.8m

in 2026 to complete our landmark Disability Inclusion rollout

\$56.6m

for teaching English as an Additional Language support in mainstream and English language schools and centres.

\$33.4m

Students with Disability Transport Program and 6 new bus services for specialist schools

\$30.8m

over 4 years for individual tutoring and maintain the expanded LOOKOUT Program to support students in out of home care

\$18.5m

to boost literacy and numeracy outcomes for First Nations primary school students

Lifting secondary student engagement and achievement



\$27.1m

to support a successful senior secondary experience for every Victorian student



\$25.6m

to support young people to re-engage in education through the expanded Navigator program



\$1.8m

for rural and regional students to continue career and pathway programs



Expanding, supporting and recognising our workforce



\$158.7m

to expand, support and recognise our workforce. This includes:

\$29.2m

for Career Start Program to strengthen teaching practice of graduate teachers and keep them in the profession

\$29m

to support up to 1,200 teaching degree students to work in schools while studying

\$25.3m

For the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership to continue delivering excellence in teaching practice and leadership in our schools

\$15.2m

to attract teachers to rural and regional government schools

\$10.6m

to support teaching degree students to complete placements in rural, regional and specialist schools

\$8.1m

to support flexible working arrangements for school leaders

Schools at the centre of communities: providing modern, welcoming and fit-for-purpose schools



\$1.5b

investment

The new investment will build:

\$352.2m

on school
maintenance

\$336.4m

2 new schools in Aintree
and Officer and additional
stages at **4** recently opened
schools in growth areas

\$331.7m

for upgrades at **35**
schools and planning
for future upgrades
at **20** schools

\$237.4m

to buy land for
new schools





\$2.9 billion

to set up students
for future success



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