

Education  
**Public Accounts and Estimates Committee**  
**Inquiry into the 2025-26 budget estimates hearings**

**Response to Question on Notice**

Portfolio	Education
Witness	Joanne Wandel, VSBA
Committee member	Aiv Puglielli, MLC for North Eastern Metropolitan Region.
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**Excerpt from transcript**

Aiv PUGLIELLI: Can I ask: would that land be used to build a new primary school or a new secondary school or to develop an additional campus for an existing school?

Joanne WANDEL: Through you, Deputy Premier, in the budget papers I think you can see that it is allocated towards a new secondary school within the Melbourne local area. And as I articulated earlier, that is to give consideration to the growth that is obviously occurring in the Parkville, Arden and inner Melbourne areas.

Aiv PUGLIELLI: Can I ask what the anticipated capacity would be of that new high school?

Joanne WANDEL: I might need to take that question on notice.

**Answer:**

The Victorian Government allocated \$237.4 million in the 2025-26 State Budget to acquire land for new schools and campuses. This will include land for a new secondary school to be located in the inner city, which will help meet enrolment demand and strong population growth.

This new secondary school is intended to support students who live in Parkville, Docklands, North Melbourne and the new Arden precinct as it develops. Funding for its construction will be considered in a future budget.

In relation to the anticipated capacity of the proposed new school, this is subject to further consideration. The capacity will be informed by the proposed location, site size and demand in the area.