

# Public Accounts and Estimates Committee 2006-07 Budget Estimates Education and Training and Education Services Hearing

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**Government Approach Strategic Directions** Key Achievements

Overview of 2006-07 budget



Excellence across the system

**Strategic Directions** 

Responding to demand for higher skills and qualifications

High quality facilities to meet future needs



Literacy and numeracy

**Key Achievements** 

Prep to Year 2 class sizes

Completion of Year 12 or its educational equivalent

Apprenticeship and traineeship Completions

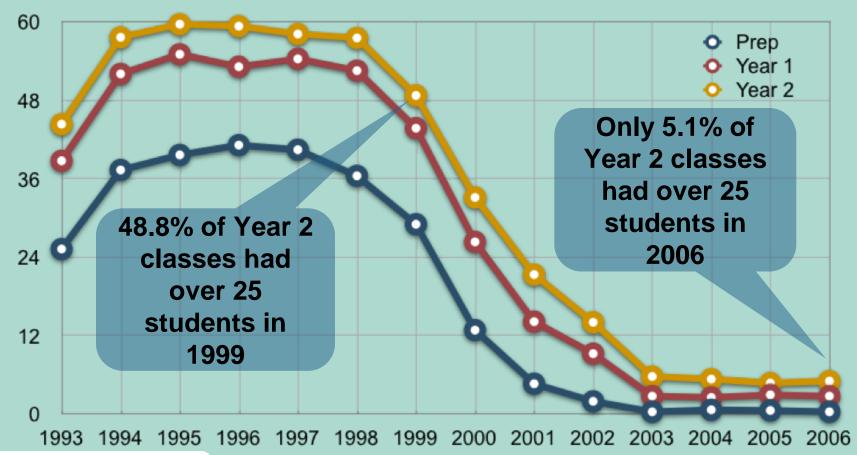


## Literacy and numeracy achievement in Victoria is at or above the national average





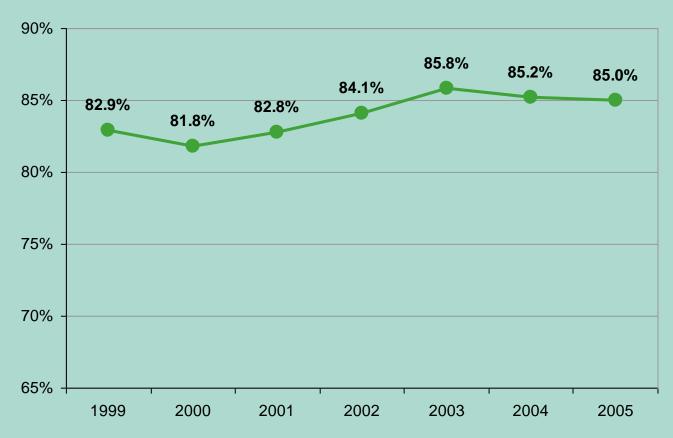
#### Fewer large classes since 1999







# Year 12 or equivalent completion by young people





# Increased apprenticeship and traineeship completion rates





## **Major Initiatives**

- Education and Training Reform Act
- Victorian Essential Learning Standards
- Student Report Cards
- Revised funding models
- Post compulsory reform



## 2006-07 Budget Overview

An additional \$1.22 billion investment

- \$769.6 million in output initiatives
- \$448.0 million in the asset program



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Budget

Driving excellence and continued improvement

A Fairer Victoria

A world class and responsive training system

High quality learning and teaching environments

Addressing disadvantage

Cutting schooling costs for parents

World class equipment and quality facilities



# Driving excellence and continued improvement

- \$47.2 million over four years to continue support for the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL)
- \$24.1 million over two years to continue the Schools for Innovation and Excellence initiative
- \$11.6 million over four years to build leadership capacity in schools
- \$5.1 million TEI for an Academic Number for students



#### A Fairer Victoria

- \$11.7 million over three years for Literacy Improvement Teams
- \$2.7 million over four years for the Academy of Sport, Health and Education (ASHE)
- \$1.2 million over four years for English as a Second Language and vocational education support for students from refugee backgrounds
- \$6.2 million over four years to support Healthy and Active Victorian students



# A world class and responsive training system

- \$241 million to maintain Victoria's skill advantage, including:
  - \$23.5 million for 13 Skills Stores
  - \$33.2 million to expand opportunities for young people
  - \$28.2 million to guarantee young people a place in TAFE
  - \$42.3 million for higher skills 3500 additional vocational education and training places in key industries



# A world class and responsive training system

Further support for apprentices and trainees

- \$35.6 million over four years for a Trades Bonus for apprentices
- \$6.2 million over four years to increase the Apprentice and Trainee Accommodation Allowance to \$25 per night
- \$15.4 million over four years to create new training opportunities in areas of high regional demand



# High quality learning and teaching environments

- \$448 million record investment in education assets
  - New and replacement schools, specialisation in secondary schools, modernisation at more than 33 schools and land purchasing, accelerated capital works program
- State-of-the-art vocational learning environments
  - Technical Education Centres, state-of-the-art TAFE equipment and world class facilities



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## Addressing Disadvantage

Youth Transition Support - \$10 million over 4 years

2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
\$2.4 m	\$2.5 m	\$2.5 m	\$2.6 m

Services to students with special needs - \$215.8 million over 5 years

2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
\$35.4 m	\$54.9 m	\$75.5 m	\$25.0 m	\$25.0 m

• \$0.4 million over two years to assist students affected by drought

## Cutting schooling costs for parents

 School Start Bonus - \$181.6 million over 5 years

 In addition to Education Maintenance Allowance



# World class equipment and quality facilities

- Additional \$50 million in 2006-07 to maintain schools
- \$9 million to update and replace computers in schools
  - plus \$3.5 million internal funding for schools to sustain and refresh computers





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