

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

Inquiry into the 2020-21 Financial
and Performance Outcomes

Department of Education and Training: Our Vision

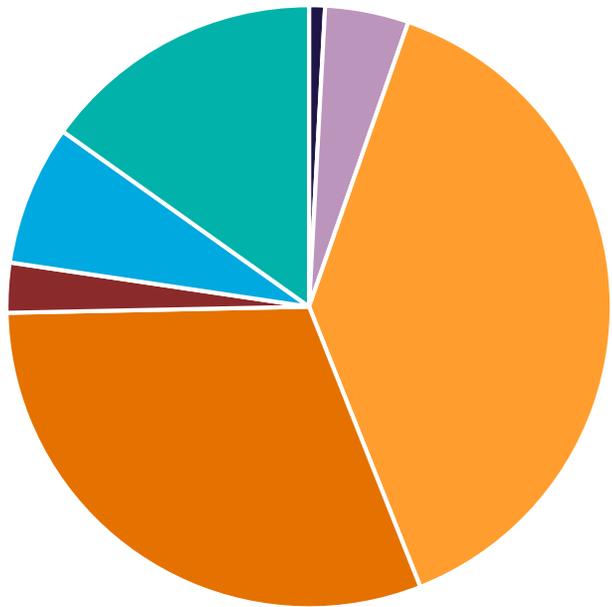
Together we give every Victorian the best learning and development experience, making our state a smarter, fairer and more prosperous place

We engage with and support:

- 400,000 children and families in early childhood services
- more than 1 million students in schools
- 297,000 government funded enrolments in TAFEs and other training providers.

Departmental Expenditure Overview 2020-21

2020-21 Departmental Actual Expenditure by Output



\$16.54 billion

Output group

2020-21
\$m

Strategy, Review and Regulation	115.3
Early Childhood Development	822.3
School Education – Primary	6,392.9
School Education – Secondary	5,133.9
Support Services Delivery	387.7
Support for Students with Disabilities	1,196.6
Training, Higher Education and Workforce Development	2,501.2

Early Childhood – The Best Start In Life

98% 

of services met or exceeded National Quality Standards for collaborative partnerships with families and communities

91% 

of services met or exceeded National Quality Standards for programs and practices

370,000 

professionals promoting children's wellbeing and safety through the Child Information Sharing Scheme

79,850  children

in kindergarten in the year before school in 2020



Early Childhood – Three-Year-Old Kinder

2,600 

children at **169** kindergartens in **21** LGAs benefiting from up to **15** hours of three-year-old kinder – evidence shows two years of learning is better than one when it comes to the critical early years.

Building Blocks infrastructure program to support **56** new and expanded kindergartens



\$302 million 

in further funding for three-year-old kindergarten programs

42 

new teachers recruited through financial incentives in early roll-out areas

931 

early childhood teaching scholarships awarded

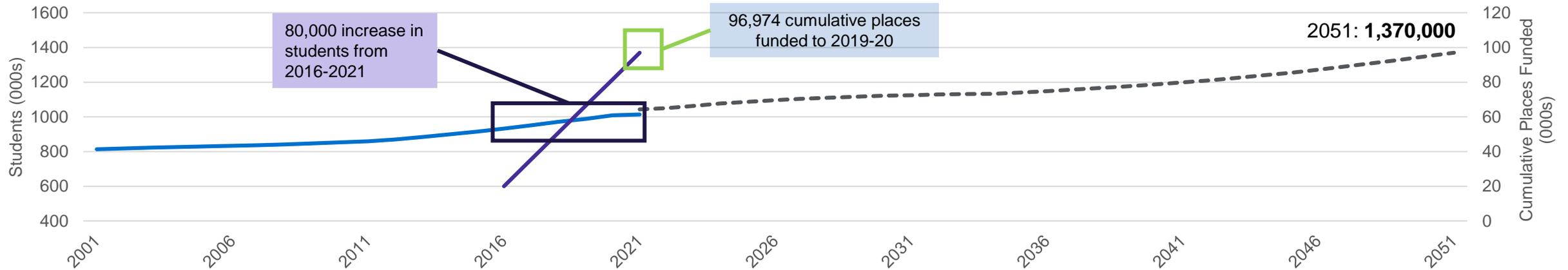
3,900 

enrolments in **2** early childhood qualifications offered as **Free TAFE for Priority Courses**



School Education – Building The Schools We Need

Victorian school-aged population



In 2020-21:

14 

new schools delivered

400 

schools upgraded and modernised

293 

projects funded to make school infrastructure more inclusive

21,000 

extra students catered for with 2020-21 investment in infrastructure

School Education – Supporting Health And Wellbeing

1,950 schools 

signed on to the Respectful Relationships initiative, including all government schools

2.5 million 

free pads and tampons accessed since 2019

44,000 consultations 

delivered to students through the Doctors in Secondary School program since 2017

577 schools 

received Active Schools funding to boost physical activity

6,000,000 meals 

served as part of the School Breakfast Clubs program in 2020-21

\$398.4 million 

of equity funding to support students facing more barriers than their peers

School Education – Supporting Teaching And Learning

165 schools  hosted more than **2,600** professional experience placements

3,529  principals, assistant principals and other school staff took part in Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership programs

Implementing
Review into Vocational and Applied Learning Pathways in Senior Secondary Schooling 

304 schools  supported through Differentiated Support for School Improvement initiative

201  primary teachers became mathematics and science specialists

Planning begins for establishment of
Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership 

School Education – Improving Student Outcomes

2021 preliminary NAPLAN results indicate Victorian students are leading the country in attaining the National Minimum Standards (NMS) other than in Year 9 Writing, where Victoria is marginally second.

Year 3 2021* NAPLAN NMS by jurisdiction (%)					
	VIC	ACT	NSW	WA	Aust
Reading	97.6	96.6	96.5	95.1	96.0
Writing	99.0	96.2	97.2	96.8	96.9
Spelling	95.9	92.6	94.2	91.4	93.2
G&P	97.1	96.1	95.8	93.0	95.0
Numeracy	97.2	96.9	96.2	95.2	95.8

Year 7 2021* NAPLAN NMS by jurisdiction (%)					
	VIC	ACT	NSW	WA	Aust
Reading	97.1	94.3	93.9	92.5	94.0
Writing	94.0	88.9	91.0	90.7	90.1
Spelling	96.1	94.8	94.5	93.7	94.2
G&P	94.6	90.7	90.9	89.0	90.7
Numeracy	96.4	94.5	93.6	92.4	93.5

Year 5 2021* NAPLAN NMS by jurisdiction (%)					
	VIC	ACT	NSW	WA	Aust
Reading	97.6	96.2	95.8	94.2	95.4
Writing	97.2	94.2	94.5	93.0	93.6
Spelling	96.3	94.8	95.1	93.4	94.3
G&P	97.1	95.1	94.8	92.5	94.3
Numeracy	97.3	96.4	95.9	94.4	95.3

Year 9 2021* NAPLAN NMS by jurisdiction (%)					
	VIC	ACT	NSW	WA	Aust
Reading	93.4	91.9	89.7	92.8	90.2
Writing	86.8	81.8	83.4	87.5	82.5
Spelling	93.3	92.4	91.7	92.4	91.4
G&P	91.2	89.0	88.5	89.6	88.3
Numeracy	97.2	95.7	95.2	96.0	95.1

* Preliminary results

■ Victoria ranked 1st

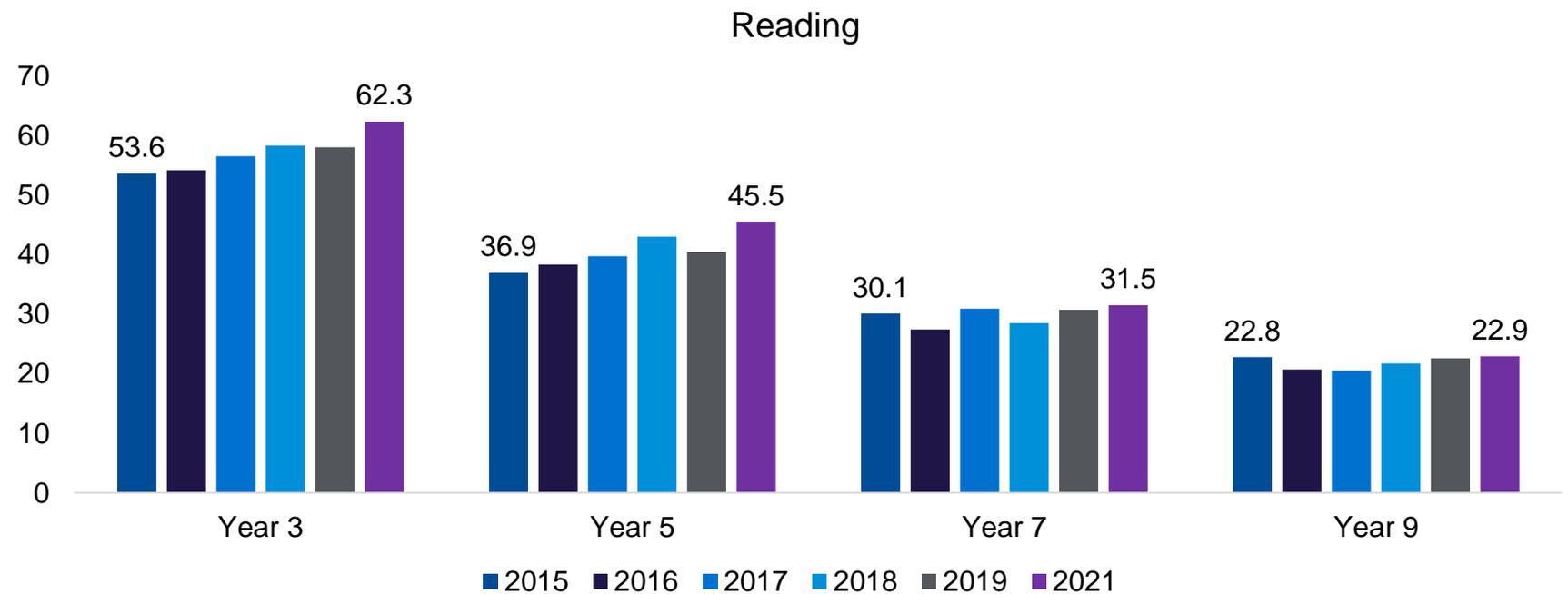
■ Victoria ranked 2nd

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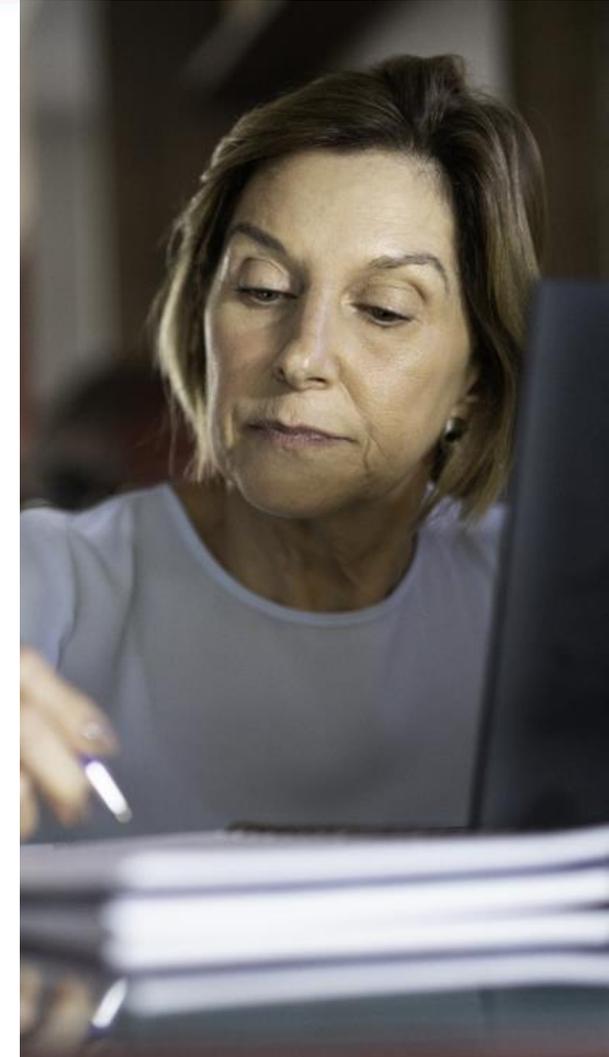
Despite year-on-year fluctuations, there is a consistent trend of improvement in preliminary Victorian NAPLAN results between 2015 and 2021, particularly among high achievers in the primary school years.

Increases in the proportion of students in the **top two bands** in all year levels for Reading since 2015 indicate that student performance has lifted in recent years.

Proportion of students in *top two bands* in Reading, NAPLAN 2015 to 2021



Training And Skills – Free TAFE Is Creating Opportunities



Training And Skills – Building The Workforce We Need



Free TAFE for Priority Courses giving Victorians the skills to work on government major projects and priorities, including:

- major infrastructure projects
- responding to family violence
- NDIS
- mental health
- aged care
- three-year-old kinder.

Investment in better facilities is changing training:

- opened Box Hill Institute's Lilydale Campus Integrated Centre for Sustainable Construction Technologies.
- construction began on the GOTAFE Seymour Health and Services Training Facility, the Gordon Culinary School in Geelong, and the South West TAFE Warrnambool Campus Learning and Library Hub



COVID-19 Response – Early Childhood

20,000 

children at 700 services funded for free sessional kindergarten in Terms 3 and 4 2020

100,000 

families benefiting from the Free Kinder initiative in 2021

2,600 

cleaning and hygiene grants to funded kindergartens each term

98% 

of kindergartens taking part in Free Kinder initiative



COVID-19 Response – Schools

274 

secondary school campuses funded to recruit qualified mental health professionals

91,000 

computer and internet devices provided to and kept by students

6,050 

tutors at schools to help students catch up academically through the Tutor Learning Initiative

2.9 million 

meals delivered during remote and flexible learning through the School Breakfast Club program

\$92.2 million 

for enhanced school cleaning



COVID-19 Response – Higher Education And Skills

\$631.5 million 
TAFE and training driving economic recovery initiative

80,000 new training places over four years including **60,000** in Free TAFE courses

87% 
of government-funded graduates satisfied with the quality of training despite challenging circumstances

85% 
of VET graduates achieved their main reason for training despite challenging circumstances

45 
projects funded through **\$350 million** Higher Education State Investment Fund

Apprenticeship Victoria 
established supporting up to **1,500** apprentices and trained annually over four years to work on Big Build and other major projects
600 expressions of interest

87% 
government-subsidised enrolments related to qualifications that will lead to jobs and economic growth

