Dear Sir/ Madam

Ref: Inquiry into the Education of Gifted and Talented Students  
Effectiveness of current policies

- It was good to see the government spending some money on opening two new schools in Victoria for the gifted, talented and the students who are keen to study. It has provided another 400 or more students a chance for a better education.

- It is appreciated that the buildings were constructed quickly and new students enrolled as quickly as possible.

- The unfortunate situation is that not most of the facilities are available up and running at the moment and it appears not enough funds had been allocated.

- This causes the talented and gifted students in Victoria to miss out what most of other students in established schools have. Eg. Books for the library, Musical Instruments, Theater, Play Ground etc. that are essential for the learning, development and wellbeing of the students.

- It may take some time to construct theater, sports buildings, playground etc., but at least the supply of books for the library and Instruments for the music should not take time. If government can allocate some funds these facilities should be available within days.

- More time passes by means more and more students will miss out and will never get that experience they deserve. This is unfortunate because they are the selected set of students in Victoria.

- I hope the government of Victoria would not leave the top 10% of students in limbo.

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