

# Media Release

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## STATE-OF-THE ART UPGRADE FOR BONBEACH PRIMARY

Students in Bonbeach will have the new state-of-the-art classrooms and facilities they deserve, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Education James Merlino today announced Bonbeach Primary School will receive \$6.3 million for the construction of a brand new main school building.

It will replace the existing hall and main building and provide the new facilities so that teachers can deliver the 21st century education that students need to succeed.

The first step for the school will be taking part in a ‘Bricks and Mortar’ session, which will guide them through the capital works process and help identify how best to spend the funding and carry out the works in line with school’s approach to teaching.

This funding is in addition to the \$120,000 for maintenance works at the school to repair areas that have been affected by termite damage and ensure students can continue their education.

The Labor Government is building the Education State so that every Victorian student gets the opportunity for a great education and every community has access to a great school.

Victoria’s school building boom has delivered more than 1,200 school upgrades and 64 new school projects across the state, supporting almost 5,000 construction jobs for Victorians.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

*“Every student deserves access to a great local school and we’re getting on with the job of building better schools, so that local students have the facilities and classrooms they need to succeed.”*

*“Upgrading Bonbeach Primary will give local students access to great local classrooms and schools facilities, which is exactly what the students deserve.”*

### Quotes attributable to Member for Carrum Sonya Kilkenny

*“This has been quite a journey with many conversations and meetings over months and months.”*

*“I took this issue directly to the Minister for Education so I am absolutely thrilled that we have acted to ensure that local students at Bonbeach Primary School will finally get the wonderful new learning facilities and classrooms they deserve.”*