



1. Labor's plan for a new generation of schools

Every Victorian Government school will have been rebuilt or modernised within 10 years under the *Victorian Schools Plan* which will deliver the biggest ever school building program in Victoria.

Labor will transform the classrooms that many of us learnt in as children and provide 21st century learning environments to give our children the best start in life. Education capital spending since 1999 has averaged \$264 million a year since 1999 - more than double the spending level of the previous Liberal Government. More than 400 schools – a quarter of all schools – have been built or modernised since 1999.

But there is more to do.

Labor is committing an extra \$1.9 billion in its next term, in addition to the \$448 million committed in the current financial year, to deliver \$2.3 billion for education capital over five years.

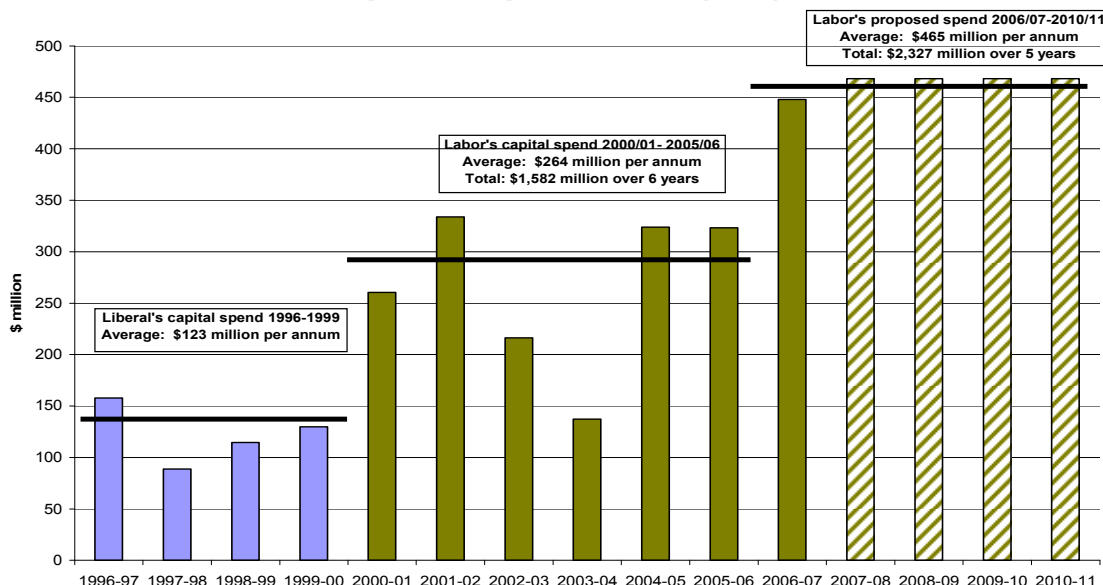
Victoria's annual average education capital spend will be boosted by 75% as a result of today's commitment, to an average of \$465 million a year.

This will see another 500 schools built or modernised, and every secondary school will have their tech wings renewed and science rooms re-equipped. This will raise the number of schools built or modernised under Labor to over 900 by 2011 –which will put us on track to reach our ten year goal.

By the end of our 10 year plan in 2016 every government school will have been modernised or rebuilt.

Labor will also provide \$30 million over four years in grants to needy non-government schools to upgrade their facilities and will set aside land in growth corridors for new non-government schools.

Education capital expenditure (TEI)





The Victorian Schools Plan

This plan will deliver the largest school building program in Victoria's history and improve education opportunities for all Victorian children. Labor will transform our state system into a model of 21st century learning with an even stronger emphasis on excellence in our secondary schools.

Specifically, over the next four years a re-elected Bracks Labor Government will:

MODERNISE EXISTING SCHOOLS

- ✓ Modernise a record number of schools to replace outdated buildings with state of the art facilities.
- ✓ Refurbish, replace or build 200 science classrooms, build 30 new tech wings, and re-equip technical and science classrooms at all secondary schools.
- ✓ Fund the implementation of regeneration programs underway in Bendigo, Geelong, Broadmeadows, Altona, Dandenong, Colac, Echuca, Kyabram and Wodonga.
- ✓ Give parents of students with disabilities real choices about the education of their children by building three new or replacement special schools and completing major renovations at least six other special schools.

BUILD NEW SCHOOLS IN GROWTH AREAS

- ✓ Build 20 new schools in growth areas so that families moving in to new suburbs have local schools when and where they need them. Priority areas include the Cranbourne, Casey, Plenty, Melton and Wyndham growth corridors.

FUND MORE SCHOOLS EXCELLING IN SPECIALIST AREAS

- ✓ Build two new selective entry academic schools, the first in 100 years.
- ✓ Build the new Sir John Monash Science School in Clayton and a sports school at Maribyrnong.
- ✓ Build three Science and Maths Specialist Centres in Geelong, Ballarat and north-east Melbourne.

SECURE THE FUTURE OF SMALL RURAL SCHOOLS

- ✓ Replace relocatable buildings at more than 40 small to medium rural schools with permanent, modern facilities.

IMPROVE RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS

- ✓ Build 400 new relocatable classrooms at a cost of \$45 million so that students are taught in high quality environments during these major rebuilding works and to accommodate short term enrolment pressure.

ASSIST NEEDY NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

- ✓ Provide \$30 million over four years in grants to needy non-government schools to upgrade their facilities.
- ✓ Set aside land in growth corridors for new, not for profit non-government schools.

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