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## **\$422,000 TO PLAN FOR FUTURE WORKS AT BOX HILL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Box Hill North Primary School will receive \$422,000 to plan for a state-of-the-art upgrade, including additional facilities to enable the school to accommodate a further 100 enrolments.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education the Hon James Merlino MP today joined the State Member for Box Hill, Paul Hamer MP to announce Box Hill North Primary School as one of 33 further schools given the green light to start planning for upgrades and new builds under the Infrastructure Planning and Acceleration Fund.

This is part of the Victorian Government's \$42 million investment into planning for school infrastructure projects to fast-track the state's long-term economic recovery hit by the coronavirus pandemic.

The Victorian School Building Authority will work with school communities and provide principals and school leaders with 'Bricks & Mortar' training, which covers the process schools should follow to manage their project successfully.

Developing detailed designs now will mean these projects will be shovel-ready once capital funding is allocated in a future State Budget.

The Victorian Government is also investing an unprecedented \$7.2 billion in Victorian school infrastructure, which is delivering more than 1,460 school upgrades and 100 new schools by 2026 – ensuring every child can access a great local school where they can achieve their best.

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino**

"We are providing students and teachers across the state 21st Century learning facilities to enable them to reach their full potential – that's why Victoria is the Education State."

"Planning for school upgrades in the future will provide a much-needed boost to our economy as we get on with the post-pandemic recover.

### **Quotes attributable to State Member for Box Hill, Paul Hamer MP**

"The Victorian Government is supporting schools in Box Hill to help their students achieve their best results by planning for a future upgrade for their school community."

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