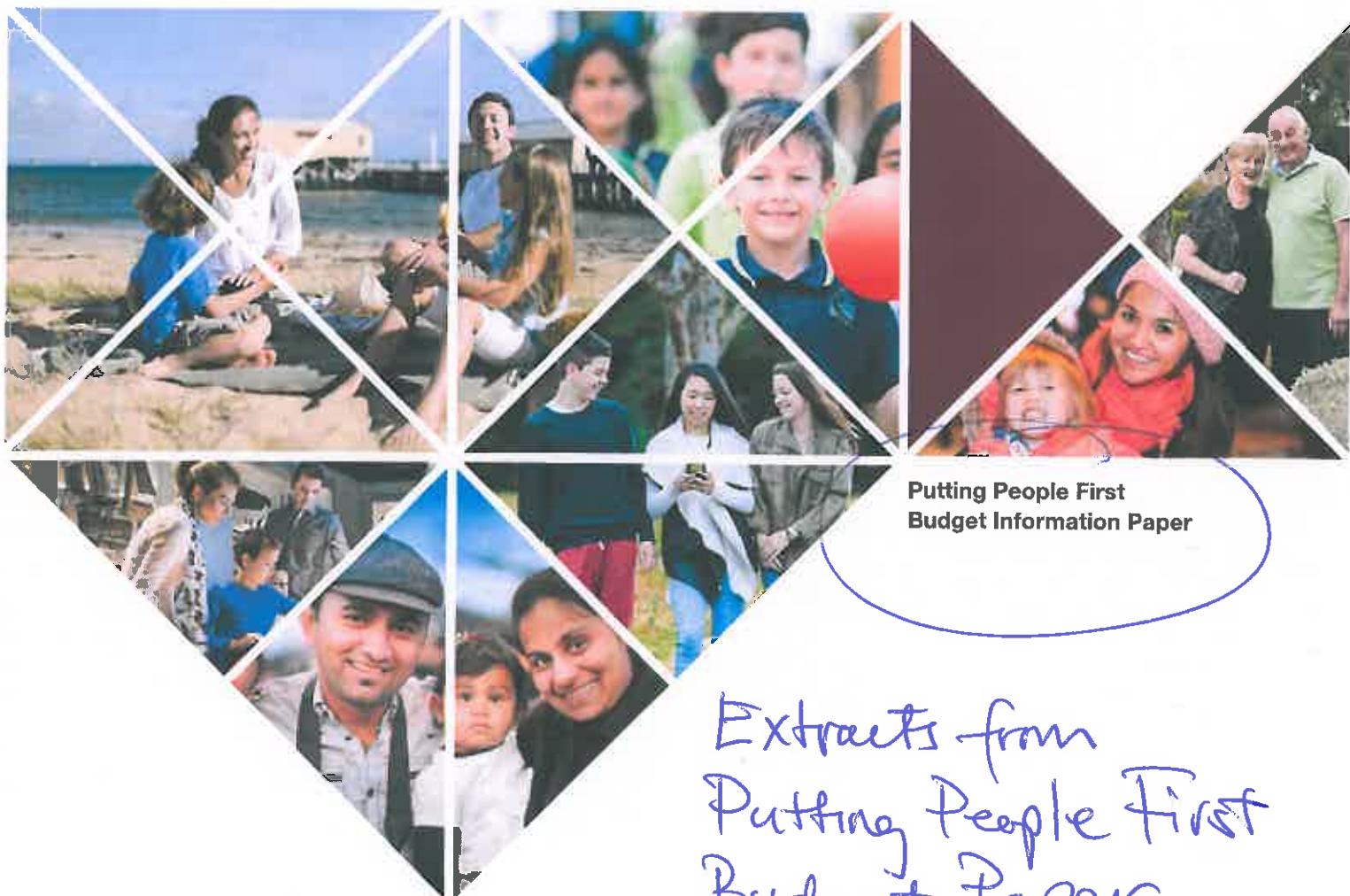




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# For Families



Putting People First  
Budget Information Paper

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## Schools

Children need to learn in classrooms that are safe, modern and comfortable, but too many school buildings in Victoria have passed their use by date, and they're holding our kids back.

The Andrews Labor Government will rebuild and upgrade school buildings across the state and build new schools and classrooms for kids in fast-growing suburbs and regional cities.

The Budget invests **\$688 million** for new and upgraded schools – a massive boost for the building blocks of our education system.

**\$325 million** will be used to renovate, refurbish and rebuild 67 existing schools. A further **\$10 million** will provide works and equipment to support students with disabilities.

The Labor Government is delivering on its commitment to build new schools. The Budget provides **\$111.1 million** to support the delivery of 10 new schools in Craigieburn, Sale, Doreen, Tarneit, South Melbourne, Footscray, Richmond, Albert Park as well as Mernda and Bannockburn which are part of a public private partnership.

**\$40 million** will purchase land for new schools in Melbourne's fast growing suburbs, where increasing population puts pressure on the services that families rely on.

The Budget provides **\$35 million** for more than 120 new, safe relocatable classrooms to ease the pressure and reduce overcrowding at schools that are bursting at the seams.

So children get the best start, the Budget invests **\$50 million** in kinders across the state and **\$9 million** to assist children with a disability or developmental delay.

The Budget also provides **\$42 million** for the first stage of a statewide school asbestos removal program.

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**\$2.9 billion for our schools**

**\$350 million for TAFE**

**\$12 million for Tech Schools**

## Education

### Support

All kids deserve the best start, no matter what their background. The Budget invests **\$2.9 billion** in schools over four years, making it the biggest education budget in Victoria's history.

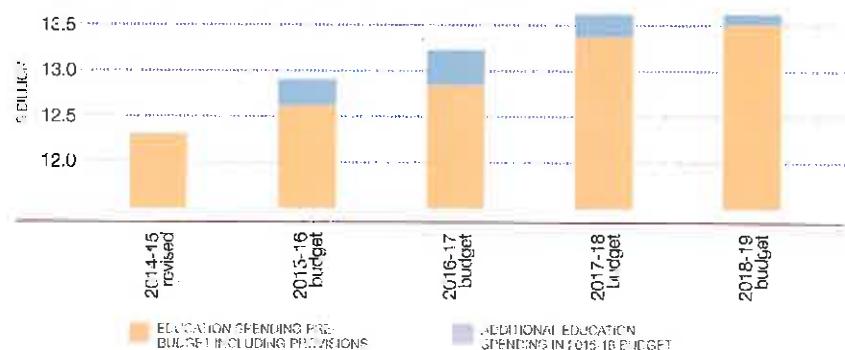
Through this Budget, the Andrews Labor Government reconfirms its commitment to the Gonski Agreement, the principles of which are central to making Victoria the Education State.

The Abbott Government has failed to commit to its share of school funding for 2018 and 2019, but the Andrews Labor Government will keep standing up for our state and our schools.

For the first time, this Budget sees Victoria fully deliver on its obligation under the Gonski Agreement for the 2015, 2016 and 2017 school years.

Families who are struggling to afford the extra costs of education, like uniforms, school camps and books, deserve a helping hand to get them through the most important years of their child's life.

#### TOTAL 2015-16 BUDGET INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION





The Budget includes **\$178 million** to provide uniforms, textbooks, free breakfasts and free eye glasses to students at Victoria's most disadvantaged schools.

This funding also helps families pay for school camps, sports trips and excursions, which are an expensive but essential part of a child's education.

## Skills

The Andrews Labor Government will bring our TAFE system back from the brink, so all kids have the chance to get a job, start a career and have a decent life.

The Budget invests **\$300 million** to complete the \$320 million TAFE Rescue Fund for campuses across the state to reopen closed buildings, upgrade workshops and classrooms and get institutes back in the black.

The **\$50 million** TAFE Back To Work Fund will help campuses meet the needs of local employers, creating new training courses to give local students the skills they need for the jobs they want.

Local Learning and Employment Networks, providing jobs and skills advice to people across Victoria, will receive **\$32 million** to work with at-risk youth and get them back on track.

Secondary students also deserve a head start on a hands-on vocation – a chance to build the foundations of their career early while maintaining their enrolment at their local secondary school.

The Budget provides **\$12 million** to support and establish Tech Schools across the state, which will be open to students from Years 7 to 12 who will learn skills alongside a comprehensive secondary education.

The funding means planning can commence for Tech Schools in Gippsland, Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong, Monash, Casey, Wyndham, Banyule, Yarra Ranges and Whittlesea.

This includes  
in Wyndham

# Health

Nothing is more important to families than the health and wellbeing of their loved ones. Funding and supporting hospitals is the most basic duty of any government.

A strong health system that's there for the people we love, when they need it, gives us all something else too: peace of mind. It's the confidence that only the world's best care can provide.

There's no greater fear in any family home than an emergency that's treated too late. Paramedics and hospitals need more resources, because people should be able to rely on our health system.

Victoria is a world-renowned centre of excellence for medical research and innovation, but to make the discoveries that will change someone's life, our best minds need the right amount of investment.

The Andrews Labor Government is increasing funding in our health system, so families in Australia's fastest-growing state can get the care and peace of mind they deserve.

\$2.1 billion for a massive boost to the health system



**\$60 million elective surgery boost**

**Free whooping cough vaccine**

**\$200 million for Western Women's and Children's Hospital**

## Health

### The health system

A growing state needs a health system that grows with it. The Budget provides an additional **\$2.1 billion** for health, to ease the strain on overcrowded hospitals so more families get looked after.

Emergency departments, intensive care units, maternity admissions, elective surgery, mental health, palliative care and cancer services will receive the biggest boost in a generation.

With this funding, which includes a **\$60 million** elective surgery boost to cut waiting lists, hospitals will be able to admit an extra 60,000 patients and treat an extra 40,000 emergency patients.

**\$200 million** will be provided to increase hospital capacity, in line with the recommendations of respected surgeon and former AMA Victoria President, Dr Doug Travis.

The diagnosis and ground-breaking treatment of genetic diseases will be enhanced, with **\$25 million** for a world-leading health alliance.

Medical research institutes, teaching hospitals and universities in Victoria will come together to develop cutting-edge treatments for some of our most debilitating diseases.

Super Pharmacies across our state will stay open for extended hours, in a **\$29 million** plan to help families during late night emergencies.

A National Centre for Farmer Health will support the wellbeing of the men and women who work on the land.

The free whooping cough vaccine for parents of newborns will return, because we can't take any risks with the health of our youngest Victorians.

These are some of the life-saving projects that get the green light with more funding for our health system. It's about fairness. Everyone should have the care they need, not just the care they can afford.



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## Hospitals

The Andrews Labor Government is building – and rebuilding – hospitals in fast-growing areas across Victoria, with **\$560 million** to provide the most fundamental service that families need.

By 2026, the number of births at Sunshine Hospital is expected to exceed 7000 per year. The fastest growing area of Australia needs more services so no young family is left behind.

The Budget invests **\$200 million** in a dedicated Western Women's and Children's Hospital, with 237 beds, 39 special care nursery cots and four theatres for families in the west.

The Budget also provides **\$85 million** to expand the Werribee Mercy Hospital, delivering six extra operating theatres and 64 new inpatient beds in this fast-growing area of Melbourne.

Casey Hospital, in Melbourne's south-east, will be able to treat 12,000 more patients, conduct 8000 more surgeries and support 500 more births, with a **\$106.3 million** expansion.

The project will provide four new operating theatres, a surgery recovery centre and 96 extra beds, including an intensive care unit – expanding the size of the hospital by more than a third.

The Budget provides **\$20 million** for an intensive care unit and short stay unit at the Angliss Hospital in Melbourne's outer east, reducing the distance families have to travel in a medical emergency.

Urgent heart assessment, treatment and care is coming to Ballarat, with **\$10 million** for a new cardiac catheterisation laboratory at Ballarat Base Hospital.

The Victorian Heart Hospital (VHH) – a world-leading plan for Australia's first specialist heart facility – is one step closer, with **\$15 million** to progress planning and development.

The VHH will be built at Monash University in Clayton, treating cardiac diseases from early childhood to later life, undertaking ground-breaking research and training the next generation of heart specialists.

The Budget also funds a helipad at the Monash Children's Hospital, upgrades to the Moorabbin Hospital and vital medical equipment and hardware in hospitals across the state.

### School upgrades

- Albany Rise Primary School
- Amsleigh Park Primary School
- Bacchus Marsh Secondary College
- Ballarat Secondary College
- Bayside College
- Beaufort Secondary College
- Beaumaris High School
- Bellarine Secondary College
- Bendigo Senior Secondary College
- Bentleigh Secondary College
- Berwick Fields Primary School
- Bimbadgen Heights Primary School
- Boronia Heights Primary School
- Brunswick Secondary College
- Carlton Primary School
- Castlemaine Secondary College
- Chandler Park Primary School
- Cheltenham Secondary College
- Clifton Hill Primary School
- Commercial Road Primary School
- Cranbourne Secondary College
- Dandenong High School
- Daylesford Secondary College
- Delacombe Primary School
- Drysdale Primary School
- Elwood College
- Emerald Secondary College
- Epsom Primary School
- Essendon East Keilor District College
- Frankston Primary School
- Geelong High School
- Glen Eira College
- Glen Waverley Primary School
- Greensborough Secondary College
- Hampton Park Primary School
- Highvale Secondary College
- Jells Park Primary School
- Kallista Special School
- Keysborough Secondary College
- Kurnai College
- Kyneton Primary School
- Kyneton Secondary School
- Lyndale Secondary College
- McKinnon Secondary College
- Melba Secondary College
- Mill Park Heights Primary School
- Monbulk College
- Monterey Secondary College
- Montmorency Secondary College
- Mooroolbark Primary School
- Mooroolbark East Primary School
- Mordialloc College
- Moriac Primary School
- Mornington Primary School
- Morwell Primary School
- Mullauna Secondary College
- Mullum Primary School
- New Gisborne Primary School
- Noble Park Secondary College
- Northcote High School
- Northern Bay P-12 College
- Norwood Secondary College
- Parkdale Primary School
- Parkhill Primary School
- Patterson River Secondary College
- Phoenix P-12 Community College
- Preston High School
- Ringwood Secondary College
- Sandringham College
- Seaford Park Primary School
- South Yarra Primary School
- Springvale Rise Primary School
- St Helena Secondary College
- Stonnington Primary School
- Strathmore Primary School
- Sunbury College
- Sunshine College
- The Basin Primary School
- Tobruk St Primary School
- Viewbank College
- Wallan Secondary College
- Warrnambool Special Development School
- Wattle Park Primary School
- Werribee Secondary College
- Westbeech Primary School
- Whittington Primary School
- William Ruthven Secondary College
- Williamstown High School
- Yarra Junction Primary School

### New schools

- Albert Park College – year 9 campus
- Bannockburn 7-12
- Craigieburn North West Primary School
- Footscray Learning Precinct (Footscray City Primary School, Footscray City College)
- Hazel Glen College completion
- Mernda Central 7-12
- Richmond High School
- Sale Specialist School
- South Melbourne Park Primary School
- Tarneit P-9 College completion

### TAFE

- Bendigo Kangan Institute
- Box Hill Institute
- Chisholm
- Federation Training
- The Gordon
- GOTAFE
- Holmesglen
- Melbourne Polytechnic
- RMIT University
- South West Institute of TAFE
- SuniTAFE
- Swinburne University of Technology
- Victoria University
- William Angliss Institute
- Wodonga Institute of TAFE

### Health

- Ballarat Base Hospital
- Casey Hospital Expansion
- Monash Children's Hospital Helipad
- Monash Medical Centre Upgrades
- Moorabbin Hospital Expansion
- Werribee Mercy Hospital
- Western Women's and Children's Hospital
- Victorian Heart Hospital

### Emergency services

- Bellarine Vic SES Headquarters
- Buninyong CFA Station
- Edithvale Fire Station
- Huntly Fire Station
- Merrinda Police Station
- Marwell Emergency Services Hub
- Plenty Fire Station
- Wattle Glen Fire Station
- Wendouree Ambulance Station

### Mernda Police Station

\$15 million for a new police station

### Western Women's and Children's Hospital

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### Werribee Mercy Hospital

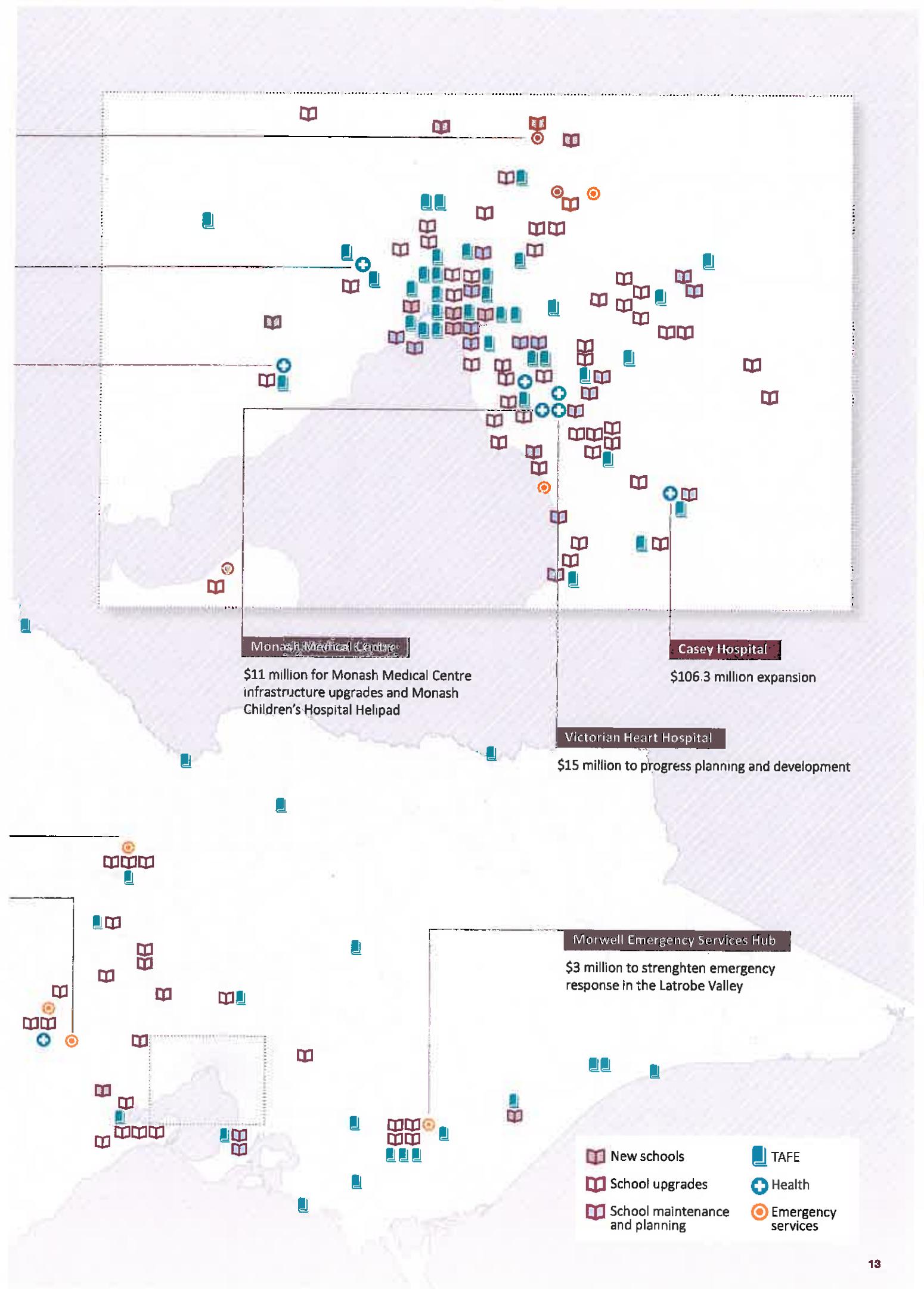
\$85 million expansion

### Huntly Fire Station

\$1.9 million for a new station

### Buninyong CFA Station

\$1.5 million for a new station





Family violence –  
our number one  
law and order issue

\$81.3 million for  
family violence

## Safe, just and fair

All families deserve fairness and every child deserves every chance. That's the basic creed at the heart of any modern society: if one family misses out, we all miss out.

After the jobs crisis, many Victorian families are enduring some of the toughest times of their lives, and the Andrews Labor Government is there with them every step of the way.

Family violence is the number one threat to our safe, just and fair society. While the Labor Government cannot promise to keep every woman and her child safe, we are prepared to try.

In Victoria, our most vulnerable children deserve a safe upbringing.

In communities across our state, ice is on the rise and it's ruining people's lives. If users go without treatment, and families go without support, more lives will be lost.

Aboriginal Victorians deserve better outcomes and a greater say in achieving them.

The Budget focuses on the building blocks of our safe, just and fair society, providing support to families when they need it – because everyone deserves a chance.



## Family violence

Family violence is the leading contributor to death, disability and injury among Australian women under the age of 45. Almost every week an Australian woman is killed by her current or former partner.

This is our number one law and order issue. More of the same policies will mean more of the same tragedies, and Australia's first Royal Commission into Family Violence will give us the right answers.

The Commission was established in February 2015 to investigate our broken system from the ground up and will report back to the community in early 2016.

Until then, strained family violence support services need more funding to protect the growing number of women and children at risk.

The Budget provides **\$81.3 million** to support the work of the Royal Commission and to take immediate action to protect women and children as well as making perpetrators accountable.

This emergency, short-term funding covers one financial year because the Labor Government will be guided by the recommendations of the Royal Commission in the future.



## Police

The Andrews Labor Government will put hundreds more police on our streets, investing **\$226 million** to keep our community safe and give families peace of mind.

The Budget invests **\$148.6 million** to recruit 400 custody officers to guard prisoners at 20 police stations across Victoria, allowing 400 police officers to return to the frontline.

Police in regional areas have reported eavesdroppers picking up details of impending police operations and the location of police vehicles.

So police work isn't compromised, the Budget provides **\$35.4 million** to upgrade the regional police radio system from the outdated analogue network to a secure, encrypted digital network.

A permanent police presence is coming to Melbourne's growing north, with **\$15 million** in funding to build a new police station in Mernda. More police will also be stationed in Bellarine and Geelong.

**\$15 million** as part of the Ice Action Plan, to provide Victoria Police with new booze and drug buses to improve road safety.

The new fleet will let police drug test 100,000 people a year for drugs. Further funding will also help police track down and close clandestine drug labs more quickly.

The Budget also provides **\$333 million** to increase the capacity of Victoria's prisons and Community Correctional Services.