

Public Accounts and Estimates Hearing – Budget 2022-2023



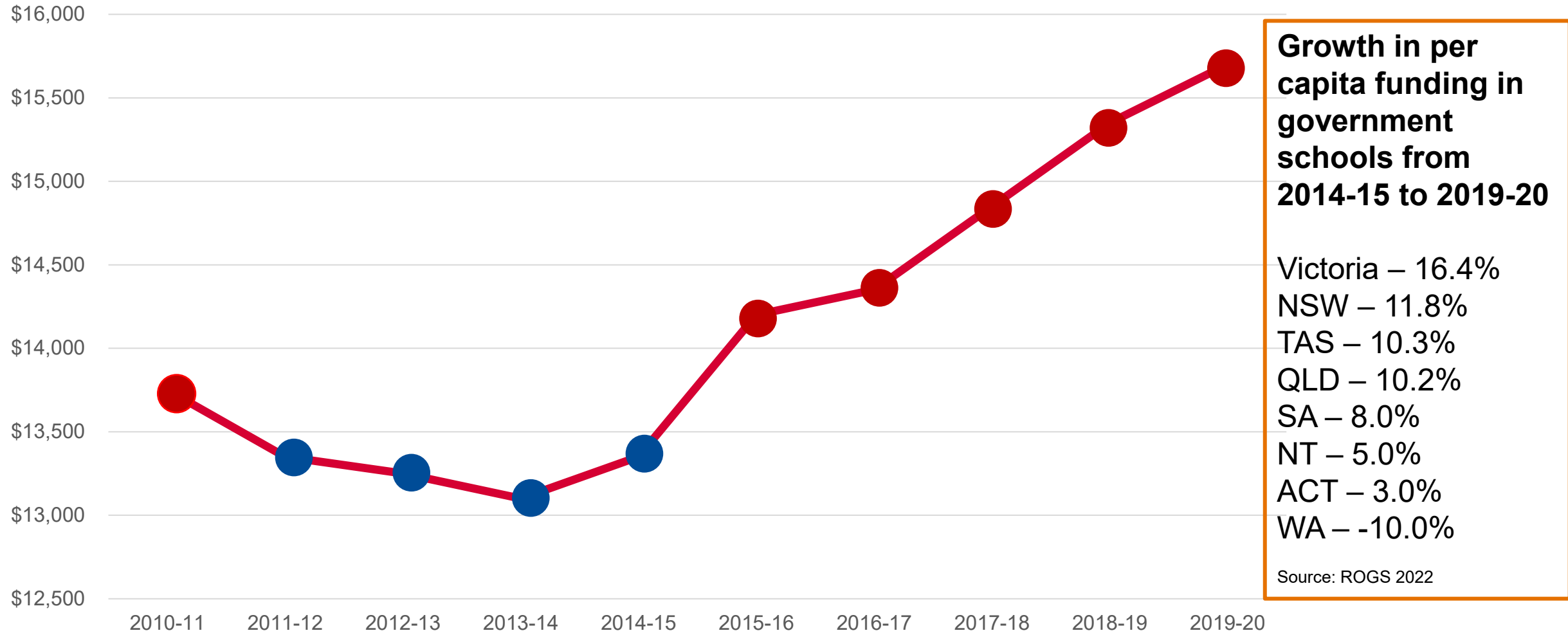
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Unprecedented investment in school education



Huge growth in funding for students

Expenditure per government school student



Source: 2022 Report on Government Services – school education data tables – Table 4A.14, figures adjusted to 2019-20 dollars

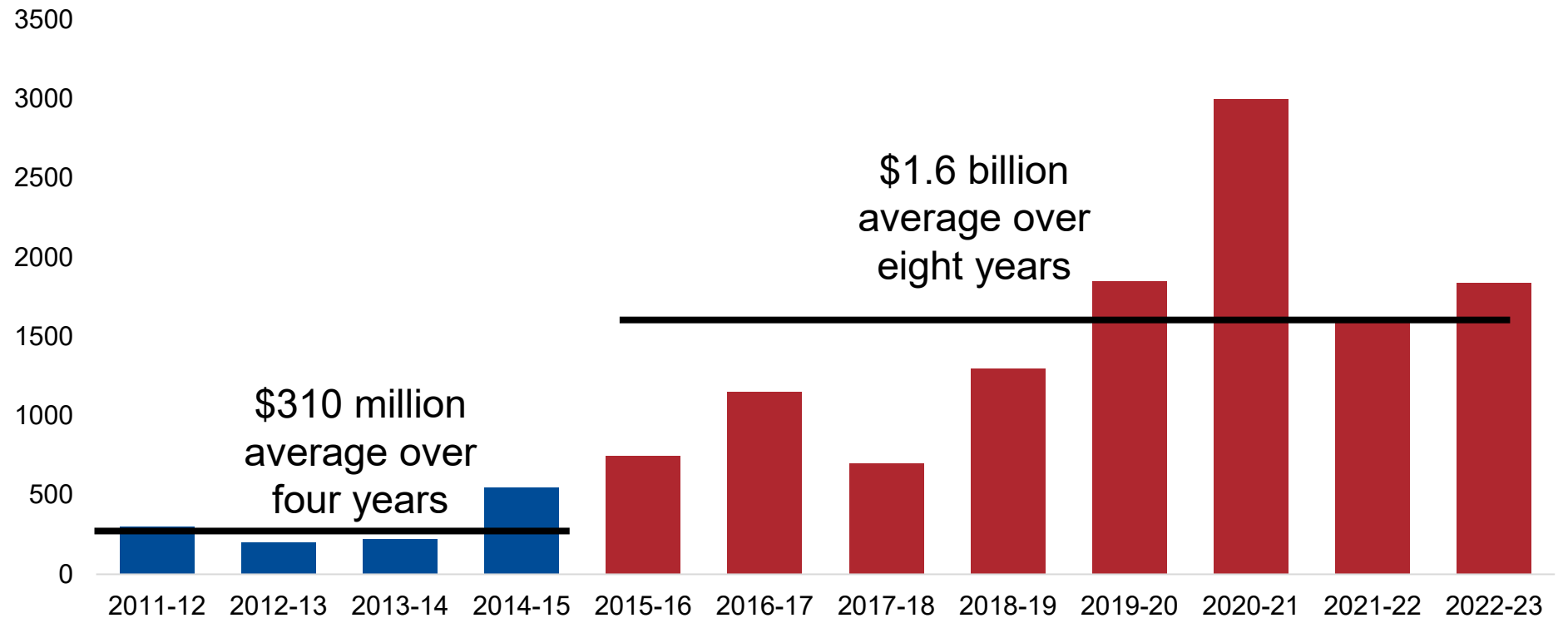
School Infrastructure Investment – the best facilities for our kids

\$12.8b 
over 8 years

75 
new schools
opened or funded

1850+ 
school upgrades

17,400 
jobs created in
construction and
associated
industries



The current government's annual average spend of **\$1.6 billion** on school infrastructure is greater than the total **\$1.3 billion** spent by the former government over four years

\$1.8 billion for new schools and capital upgrades – continuing our big investment in school buildings

\$527.2 million 

The new investment will build **13** new schools and expand **4** more. With a further new school already funded in last year's budget, **14** new schools to open in 2024

\$236.7 million 

to buy land for future school sites including across Cardinia, Casey, Greater Geelong, Hume, Melton, Whittlesea and Wyndham

\$92.2 million 

for new relocatable buildings to provide additional space for schools experiencing enrolment growth in 2023

Map of VSBA projects across the state



More investment in upgrading and maintaining schools

\$658.2 million 

for upgrades and improvements.

This includes:

- **\$326 million** for upgrades at **36** special schools – **so every special school will have received a major upgrade since 2015**
- **\$290.4 million** for major upgrades at **31** mainstream schools
- **\$41.8 million** for **96** projects to improve learning conditions through the Minor Capital Works Fund

\$247.3 million 

for essential maintenance and compliance including:

- **\$117.3 million** in additional SRP funding
- **\$120 million** for the Planned Maintenance Program
- **\$10 million** for the Accessible Buildings Program



\$1.7 billion extra for school education and programs

Transforming Victoria's Senior Secondary System

\$277.5 million 

to completely transform Victoria's senior secondary system for more than **131,800** students across Years 11 and 12 in 2023.

This funding includes:

- **\$120.2 million** to help all schools implement the new certificates and increase access to a new core vocational offering so every senior secondary student has quality vocational and applied learning, no matter where they go to school
- **\$87.9 million** to boost VET teacher, trainer and school capacity to deliver high-quality vocational and applied learning
- **\$69.4 million** for state-wide expansion of Head Start apprenticeships and traineeships for government school students



Boosting student literacy and numeracy

\$131 million 

to lift student literacy and numeracy outcomes for Victoria's students and promote excellence, including:

- **\$87.2 million** to support middle years literacy and numeracy
- **\$27.4 million** to expand the work of the new Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership, so more teachers can develop their skills
- **\$11.3 million** to boost early years literacy teaching capabilities and leadership

\$37 million 

to support high-ability students reach their full potential

\$28.7 million 

to build equity and excellence for rural and regional students, including the establishment of a Regional Blended Learning Hub



Investing in our teachers

\$779 million 

- To recruit more than 1,900 extra teachers so each teacher has more time to prepare and focus on each student and their needs
- weekly face-to-face teaching hours will be cut by one hour in 2023
- and a further half hour in 2024

\$58.9 million 

to attract more teachers to the profession, including employment-based initial teacher degrees and financial incentive programs

\$17.1 million 

to train 100 extra specialist maths teachers in primary schools

\$10.1 million 

to train 50 mathematics, 50 technologies and 25 science out-of-field teachers in priority areas in secondary schools

\$13.4 million 

will help ensure that schools are safe places of work and learning for staff and students

Supporting the health and wellbeing of children

\$41.3 million 

to support mental health services, including:

- **\$23 million** for mental health practitioners in specialist schools
- **\$12.1 million** to continue LOOKOUT program
- **\$5.4 million** for headspace partnership

\$11.4 million 

School Nursing and Student Support Services program


- More than **312,000** children supported over past 4 years

\$20.8 million 


for Active Schools program to boost students' physical activity



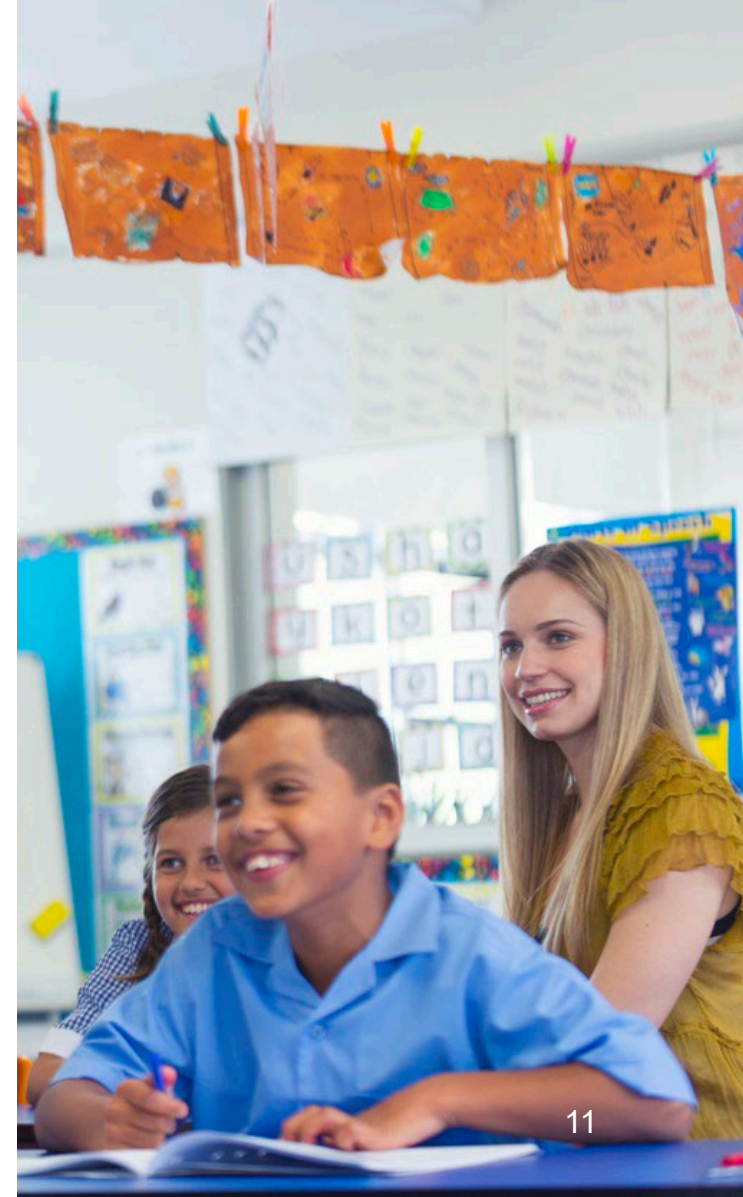
Supporting our most vulnerable children

\$37 million 
for an enhanced Navigator
Program to support young
people at risk of disengaging

\$23.5 million 
boost to the English as an
Additional Language Program

\$30.7 million 
Students with Disabilities
Transport Program

\$30.3 million 
to improve the educational
outcomes for young people
at risk of – or involved in –
youth justice



Better outcomes for Koorie students

Building on **\$31.2 million** Marrung Initiatives Package from the 2021-22 Victorian Budget, this Budget includes:

\$5.8 million 

to help prepare the education system for self-determination including:

- strengthening the capabilities of Victorian school leaders in Koorie education
- ongoing support for Self-Determination in Education Reform
- supporting Victorian Aboriginal Language Learning
- extension of the Speaking out Against Racism program



