

# **The Hon. James Merlino MP**

**Deputy Premier**

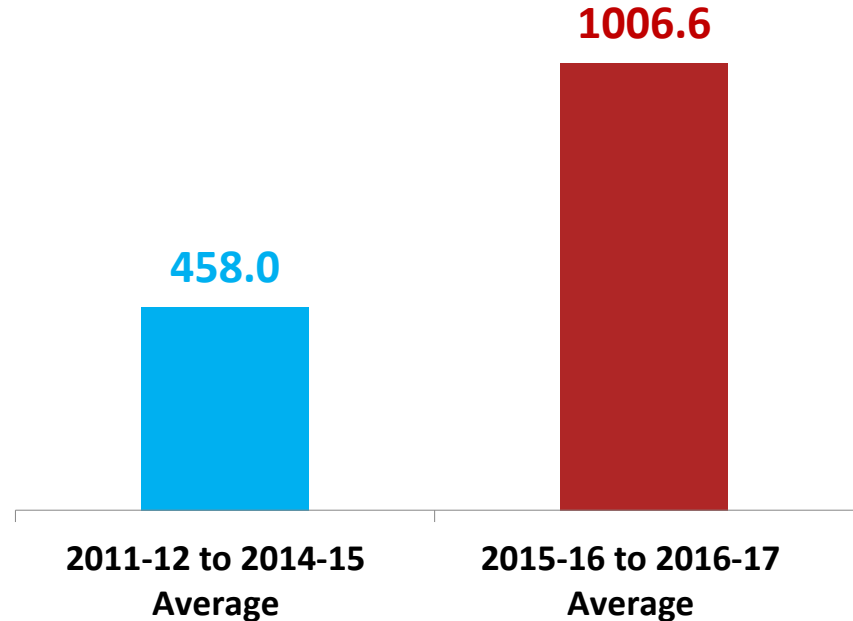
**Minister for Education**



# The Education State

The 2016-17 State Budget builds on the significant investment that the Government allocated as part of the 2015-16 Budget and takes significant steps to building the Education State.

School education additional output initiatives total (\$m)



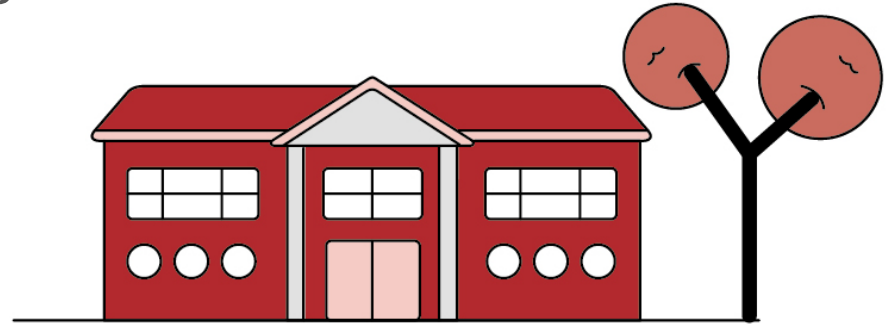
# \$1.1 billion for school infrastructure



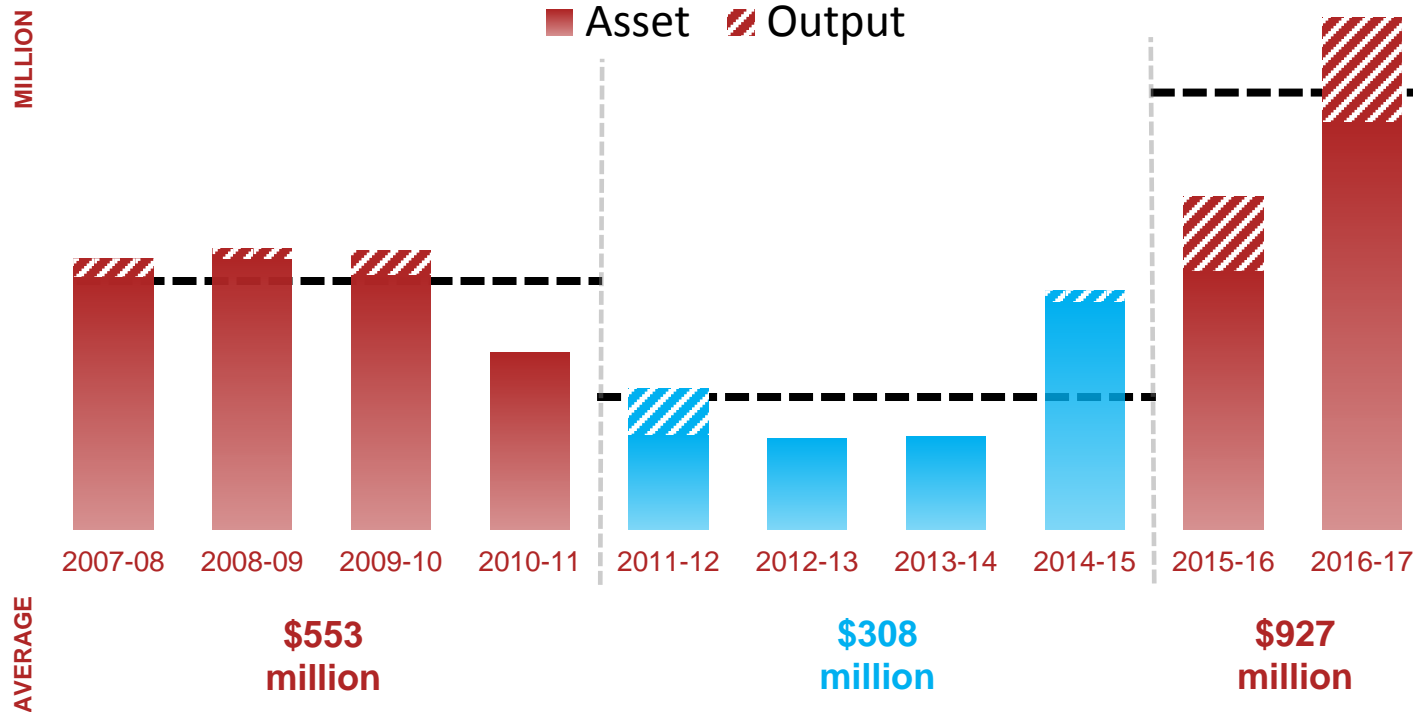
- the biggest ever investment in school infrastructure
- funding to complete, build or buy land for 23 new schools
- upgrades for 147 schools
- \$92 million to build 10 state-of-the-art Tech Schools

# Investing in regional Victoria

- 61 school infrastructure projects in regional and rural Victoria
- including, \$151 million for upgrades at 39 schools in poor condition



# School infrastructure investment



# \$155.8 million for students with disabilities

- Upgrading 20 specialist schools
- Helping more young people find extra support through the Program for Students with Disabilities
- Replacing over 50 buses for the students with disabilities transport program
- Responding to 21 of 25 recommendations from the Review of the Program for Students with a Disability
- \$10 million investment in the Inclusive Schools Fund

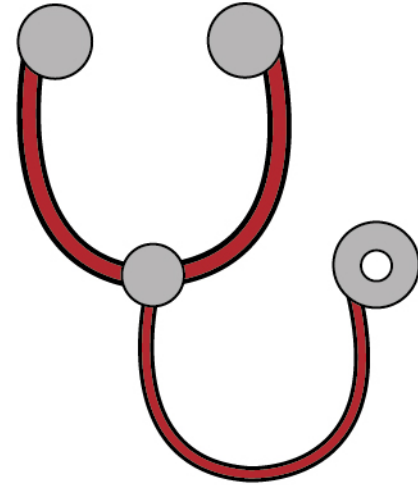


# Improving resilience, health and wellbeing

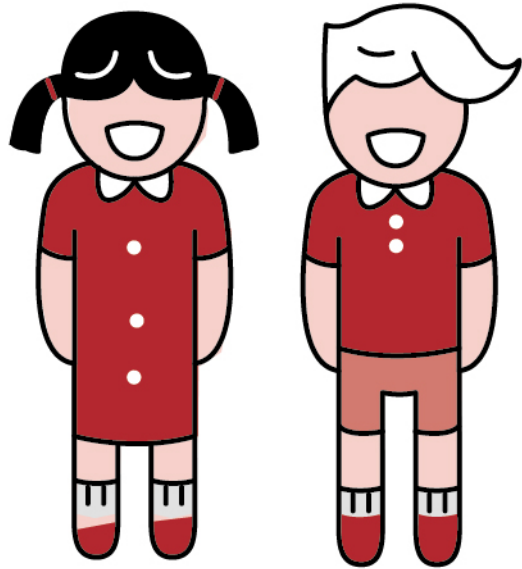
- \$43.8 million to have GPs in 100 schools
- Investment in the Student Support Services Officers workforce, to provide them with the tools they need
- Expanding the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program

Continued investment to support Victorian students and families:

- Breakfast Clubs
- Camps, Sports and excursions
- Glasses for kids



# Healthy and happy students



\$21.8 million to meet the recommendation of the Royal Commission into Family Violence to roll the Respectful Relationships curriculum out across our schools at all year levels and for training with early childhood educators.



# Supporting diversity and inclusion



\$45 million into two programs for refugees and new migrants

- expanding the Refugee Education Support Service and
- additional funding for the English as an Additional Language program

\$4 million for Community Language Schools

# Where to next?

- implement our ambitious infrastructure agenda, with the establishment of the Victorian School Building Authority, including
  - the continued construction of new schools in growing communities, upgrading schools across the state and continuing the removal of asbestos
- progress works at 10 Tech Schools
- consider and respond to the Government School Funding review (Bracks), Review of the Program for Students with a Disability and the impact of the outcome of the Federal election