

# Lily D'Ambrosio MP

## STATE MEMBER FOR MILL PARK

- Minister for Energy, Environment & Climate Change
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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **GLOWREY CATHOLIC PRIMARY & MARYMEDE CATHOLIC COLLEGE UPGRADES FUNDED TO BOOST ECONOMY**

The Victorian Government will fast-track funding for upgrades to Catholic and Independent schools across Victoria to give students and staff the best facilities sooner, and support local jobs, businesses and Victoria's economic recovery.

Member for Mill Park, Lily D'Ambrosio today announced Glowrey Catholic Primary School and Marymede Catholic College in City of Whittlesea will receive \$3,000,000 and \$3,450,000 respectively as two of the more than 50 projects under the *Non-Government Schools Capital Fund*.

Glowrey Catholic Primary School will build the third stage of the new school which opened in 2019.

When the project is finished Glowrey Catholic Primary will have nine new classrooms and adjoining common learning areas, a bigger multi-purpose hall, additional car parking spaces and more outdoor play spaces to accommodate the rapidly growing enrolment demand.

Marymede College will receive \$3,450,000 to extend the existing Performing arts area and provide four specialised Dance and Drama spaces for students to have a dedicated facility to use, as there is enormous growth in enrolments and curriculum demand by students choosing Performing Arts.

The 56 projects will create close to 800 jobs during construction, and follows more than \$1.18 billion for new schools, upgrades and expansions of government schools announced in May.

Additional funding for this second round of the Non-Government Schools Capital Fund has been brought forward to help stimulate the economy and create jobs.

The successful schools will be able to start their projects within the next six months driving Victoria's economic recovery from the pandemic, and the summer's bushfires.

The projects will help these schools meet growing enrolment demand and includes six new schools in growth areas. More than a third of Victorian students attend Catholic or Independent schools.

It's part of the Government's election commitment to establish a \$402 million fund in partnership with the non-government school sector to upgrade and build new non-government schools across Victoria.

The Victorian Government is building the Education State with an unprecedented \$7.2 billion investment that is not only creating 7,500 jobs but improving, upgrading and building schools to ensure that every community can access a great local school where students are supported to achieve their best.



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### Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

*"We promised to upgrade and build new non-government schools – we're keeping that promise and fast-tracking funding for projects to drive our economic recovery."*

*"Every child – no matter where they live or go to school – deserves the best facilities. That's why we're supporting government, Catholic and Independent schools with record investment to give our kids the best education."*

### Quotes attributable to Member for Mill Park

*"This project will help Glowrey Catholic Primary and Marymede Catholic College and give local students and staff the best possible facilities."*

*"This investment is vital to Victoria's economic recovery and creating jobs in the Education State."*

