



The Hon James Merlino MP

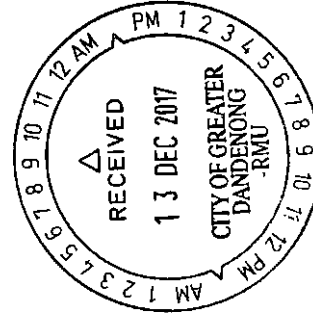
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Dear Cr ~~Memeti~~ Jim

Thank you for your letter regarding State Government secondary school provision for Keysborough South.

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to making Victoria the Education State. The last three State Budgets delivered the largest ever investment in Victorian school infrastructure, allocating more than \$2.5 billion to build, upgrade and maintain schools across the state. This funding means that 56 new school projects are now in the pipeline, which will come online over the next few years.

As part of this record level of funding, the Government made significant investments in City of Greater Dandenong schools in the last three State Budgets, including:

- funding to acquire land for the Keysborough South Primary School
- \$11.5 million for the upgrade and modernisation of Keysborough Secondary College
- \$7 million for the upgrade and modernisation of Lyndale Secondary College
- \$6 million for the upgrade and modernisation of Lyndale Secondary College
- \$5 million for the upgrade and modernisation of Noble Park Secondary College
- \$3.5 million for the upgrade and modernisation of Dandenong High School
- \$2.1 million for the upgrade and modernisation of Silverton Primary School
- \$500,000 planning funding for Noble Park Secondary College
- \$500,000 for minor improvements to the Springvale Rise Primary School
- \$350,000 to upgrade buildings at Wooranna Park Primary School.

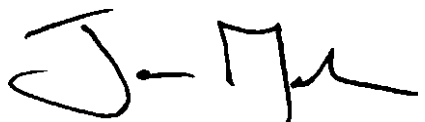
The Department of Education and Training each year undertakes demographic modelling including analysis of actual enrolments and capacity of existing schools to inform its planning for new schools over 5 to 20 years. Current analysis of the Keysborough government secondary school network indicates that it has capacity to accommodate current enrolments. In particular, the Department understands that Keysborough Secondary College's two campuses enrolled 1,731 students in 2017 and currently has the capacity to enrol 2,300 students.

Developing a new school is a significant investment and involves a number of stages to ensure that public money is invested in the right place at the right time. These stages include demographic assessment, site selection and suitability assessment, land acquisition, school design and, finally, construction.

The Department will continue to review its modelling annually and the need for additional secondary schools in Keysborough South as part of its statewide planning for schools.

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

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