

Media Release

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BUILDING THE EDUCATION STATE IN UPWEY

Students at Upwey High School are a step closer to having the facilities they deserve, with the appointment of an architect to start work on plans for a major upgrade.

Member for Monbulk and Minister for Education James Merlino today visited the school to announce K2LD Architects will design the project.

It includes upgrading and modernising school buildings, additional basketball courts, a new performing arts centre and home for the Dandenong Ranges Music Council, and relocating the schools administration facilities.

The additional basketball courts will deliver a new home base for local clubs.

Detailed planning work is the first step towards future upgrades at Upwey High School, which is one of 35 Victorian schools to share in \$12 million in the *Victorian Budget 2016-17* to plan building works.

The Andrews Labor Government has invested a record \$1.8 billion to build new schools and upgrade classrooms across the state in the *Victorian Budget 2016/17*.

The Labor Government is building the Education State so that every local student gets the opportunity for a great education and every community has access to a great school.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

"Appointing the architect is the first step towards delivering the modern, safe and stimulating facilities that staff and students at Upwey High School deserve."

"I know Upwey High School has already put a lot of work into planning the future of their school and I am looking forward to seeing the final plans."

"This will be a unique education, arts and sporting hub that will support Upwey High students, local sports clubs and the Dandenong Ranges Music Council."