

# Media Release

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## MAJOR WORKS UNDERWAY AT FITZROY GASWORKS SCHOOL

Families living in and around Fitzroy are a step closer to having a vibrant new senior secondary college campus, with construction now under way on the new Fitzroy Gasworks School.

Minister for Education James Merlino and Member for Richmond Richard Wynne today announced the start of major construction works for the new senior school. This follows the release of designs and beginning of early works at the start of June.

The campus will accommodate senior students from Fitzroy High School and Collingwood College and is one of 14 new schools and campuses set to open in 2022 under the Andrews Labor Government's school building boom.

This school will be one of seven vertical schools being rolled out by the Labor Government since 2017 which include Docklands Primary School, Fishermans Bend Secondary School, Prahran High School, Richmond High School, South Melbourne Primary School, and a new campus for McKinnon Secondary College.

Watpac Construction has been appointed to build the new campus and once complete, it will include state-of-the-art general learning spaces, an arts and performance space, a digital design and technology hub, a wood and metalwork hub, indoor sports courts, and a rooftop terrace outdoor court and activity space.

The Fitzroy Gasworks is an important part of Fitzroy North's heritage - with the school campus part of plans to re-energise the former industrial site. The Gasworks site will serve the community well due to its proximity to public transport, open space and established community facilities.

The Labor Government's vision for the site – bordered by Smith Street, Alexandra Parade and Queens Parade – is an urban village that includes a school campus, new housing, and open space.

Under the Labor Government's school building boom, a total of 100 new schools will open by 2026, ensuring every child can access a great local school where students can achieve their best.

The Labor Government is building the Education State so that every student can access a great local school and get a great education.

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino**

*"This new campus is yet another great example of the school building boom that is happening right across Victoria."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Richmond Richard Wynne**

*"It's fantastic to see the start of major construction works on the new Fitzroy Gasworks school – this will help reinvigorate the area and ensure local students have access to the best possible learning environment."*