

Community Matters

Winter 2024

Major Upgrade to

Lyndhurst Secondary College

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Lyndhurst Secondary College will be getting a major upgrade with the Allan Labor Government committing \$13.6 million in the State Budget 2024/25.

This investment will modernise the learning spaces for students and their teachers.

I recently joined the Deputy Premier/Minister for Education, and Principal Eloise Haynes to discuss what this will mean for the school and its students.

This funding will be part of \$753 million to maintain and upgrade schools across Victoria.

The State Government is dedicated to helping students and families in Narre Warren South with the cost of living.

That's why a one-off \$400 School Savings Bonus has been introduced towards covering the costs of uniforms and extra-curricular activities for eligible students.

The School Breakfast Club Program has been given a boost with the Victorian Government committing \$21.1 million to expand the program.

Get Active Kids vouchers provide eligible families up to \$200 to help with registration to a sporting club, uniform costs or equipment. The next round opens Spring 2024.

The government will continue to support our teachers, students and schools to deliver the best education possible.



Compare your Energy Provider

Helping with the cost of living

The State Government has initiatives in place that can help alleviate household costs including the Victorian Default Offer.

Victorian families can save on their bills simply by comparing prices and switching to a better energy offer.

Compare your energy provider on the Victorian Energy Compare website compare.energy.vic.gov.au.

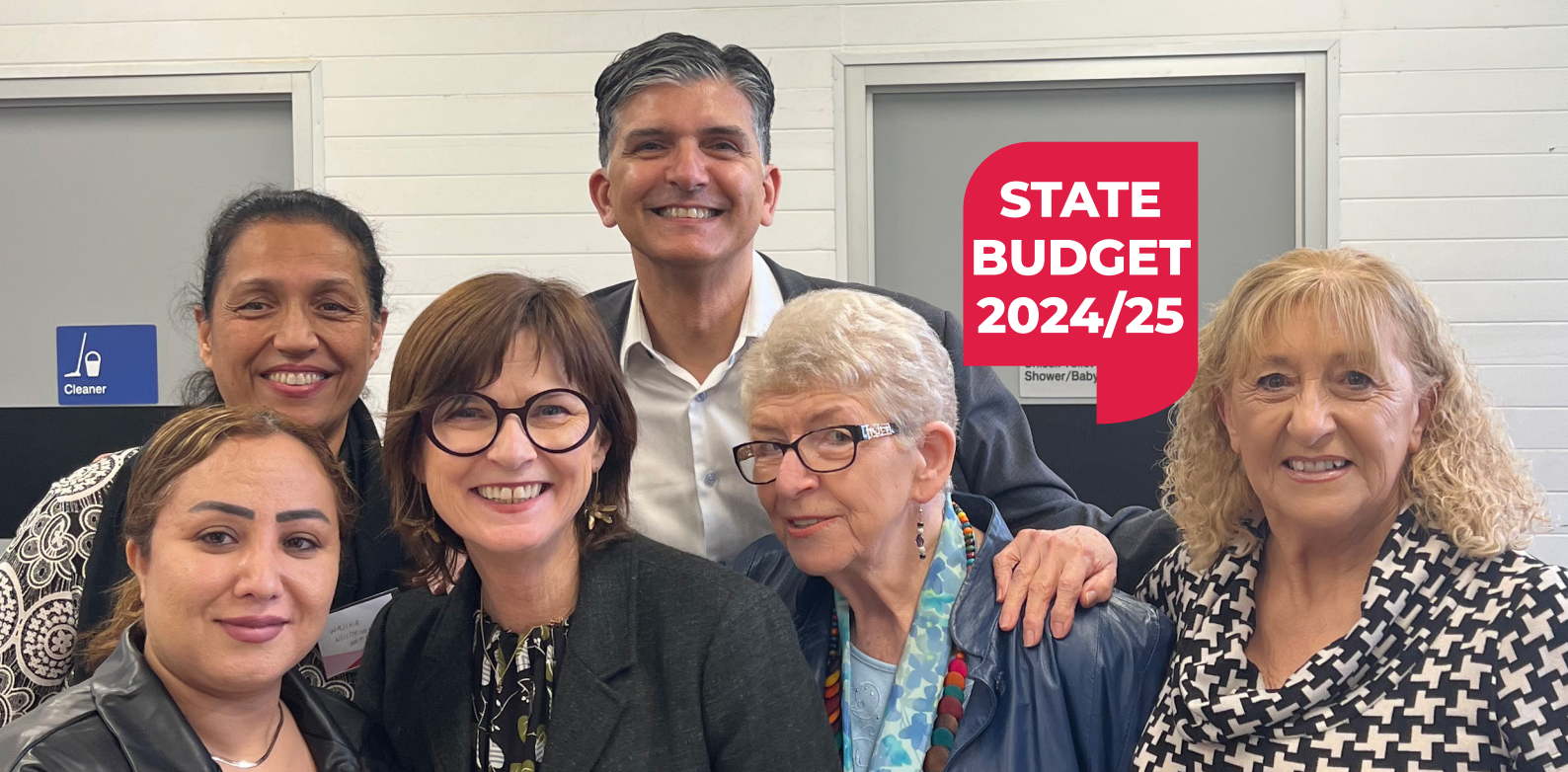
You can talk to your utility provider about any government support you may be able to access.

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Delivering for our community





**STATE
BUDGET
2024/25**

Putting a Spotlight on Women's Health

We know that women's health often doesn't get the attention it deserves, and there can be significant challenges in navigating the healthcare system.

Recently, I hosted a Women's Pain Forum to raise awareness for the Victorian Government's Inquiry into Women's Pain. The Inquiry will help inform changes to our state's services and treatment of women's pain.

Facilitated by Kit McMahon and Zoe Francis from Women's Health in the South East (WHISE), many representatives from organisations in our community came together for

an important discussion about women's pain. The Hon. Mary-Anne Thomas MP, Minister for Health, also joined us as a special guest. WHISE will receive a share of \$18 million invested in women's health over two years as part of the State Budget 2024/25.

WHISE are an incredible organisation supporting the outcomes of women in the south-east community and helping close the 'gender pain gap'.

Find more information on the Inquiry into Women's Pain at health.vic.gov.au/inquiry-into-womens-pain.

We're Getting a New School

This year's Budget is investing in our young people and their families by delivering new schools where they're needed most.

The new Casey Central Primary School (interim name) will meet the needs of our growing community and service kids right here in Narre Warren South.

It's one of 16 new schools that will open in 2026 and will receive a share of \$948 million that has been secured for the construction of new schools in Victoria.



Casey Hospital Expansion

Delivering quality healthcare into the future

The Allan Labor Government is investing a further \$35.5 million for the expansion of the Casey Hospital Emergency Department, ensuring quality healthcare is delivered well into the future.

The expansion includes a dedicated space for paediatric care, supporting children and their families while creating capacity for an additional 52,000 presentations to the department through extra treatment spaces.

Narre Warren Station

Validated Ticket Area



**THE NEW
STATION
IS OPEN!**

Narre Warren Train Station

Your brand new station has arrived

The new Narre Warren Station has opened following the removal of the level crossing at Webb St in December last year.

The brand new elevated train station has an upgraded ticket office, stairs, lift access, and is complete with a new waiting room and toilet facilities. Works are also finishing outside the station, with 672 upgraded parking spaces and a beautiful revitalised green space.

This is the 14th level crossing the Allan Labor Government has removed on the Pakenham line which will be level crossing free by 2025. Journeys will be safer and more reliable for public transport users, drivers, and pedestrians. These works will connect to the Metro Tunnel, which will open in 2025.

The Metro Tunnel will deliver more trains, more often on the Pakenham and Cranbourne lines and create a continuous loop from the west to the south-east.

Narre Warren Police Station

New state-of-the-art facilities in the works

The Victorian Government is delivering new state-of-the-art police stations to Clyde North and Narre Warren, under a \$78 million investment in the south-east corridor.

Clyde North will receive a brand new station while Narre Warren Police Station will get a major upgrade.

These stations will serve our local community and surrounding suburbs.

This is part of the Government's \$4.5 billion investment into training new police officers, intelligence, infrastructure and technology.



Investing in Community Legal Services

Community Legal Services remove barriers to legal help. That's why they're getting an investment of \$28.78 million in this year's State Budget.

South-East Monash Legal Service will share in this funding that will support the continuation of their Sporting Change Program. This program educates youth about the justice system by partnering with schools in the south-east.

The program also provides a school lawyer that integrates into a school's wellbeing team.

Academy Movement Expanded

The Academy Movement, which provides rugby and other sports programs in schools will receive \$747,000 in funding to help expand their programs to 10 schools statewide. Students at Narre Warren South P-12 College have benefited from this program for years with improved sports skills and education outcomes. Alkira Secondary College has also recently partnered with Academy Movement for a new Cricket Academy.



Community Update



Robert Booth Reserve

The new pavilion at Robert Booth Reserve is open and in use, made possible by a \$3 million commitment from the Victorian Government and funding from City of Casey. Hampton Park Football, Netball and Cricket Club has a new two-storey pavilion that offers female friendly change rooms, umpires' rooms, new first aid rooms and accessible toilets. The funding is part of \$1.9 billion invested in community sport and recreation infrastructure statewide since 2014.

Alkira Secondary College Language Studies

Alkira Secondary College will provide Hindi and Punjabi language studies, under a \$3.5 million investment by the Allan Labor Government. Alkira Secondary College in Cranbourne North is one of three leading schools providing the language programs, with others in Melbourne's western and northern suburbs.

Community Hubs

Five Community Hubs in Casey will receive funding to support migrant and refugee families, including helping mothers with young children to connect to schools and services. This Community Hubs funding is part of a \$1.35 million package across the state.

Ask G

Ask G is my new AI assistant providing quick and accessible responses to your questions. It is a new way to gain information and of course my office is still available by phone, email and in person. Check it out at garymaas.org.au.



My team and I are here to assist you with any State Government or community matter. Please feel free to contact us, and look out for me at local events.

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