INVESTING IN OUR CHILDREN’S EDUCATION

The McGowan Labor Government has invested in schools and Western Australia, ensuring all students – regardless of where they live – receive a high quality education. The McGowan Government is focused on ensuring schools can better support the growing numbers of students in modern, first class facilities.

The 2019-20 State Budget includes a $452.8 million investment to improve school infrastructure and create jobs for Western Australians.

An additional $40 million has been allocated to students with disability in public schools to 2022-23 to help address learning needs of WA students. This brings the total amount of funding in 2019 for students with eligible disability to $326.8 million.

EDUCATION SNAPSHOT

- Total $22.1 billion investment over four years in WA education
- $452.8 million in 2019-20 to build and improve WA schools to support the growth in our suburbs and ensure our students are learning in modern environments
- $152.8 million to build four new primary schools to open in 2020 and five new primary schools to open in 2021
- $77.4 million to redevelop secondary schools, across Perth
- $38.3 million of infrastructure works to commence at regional schools
- Additional $40 million allocated to students with disability in WA public schools through to 2022-23 to help address learning needs of students
- Enrolment growth in WA public schools is projected to grow by 27,000 students over the four years from 2019 to 2023
- $3 million towards science labs for 51 primary schools across the State

INVESTING IN SCHOOLS ACROSS WA

The McGowan State Budgets have made significant investment in public school infrastructure, which will ensure students across the State are learning in the best possible environments and also create jobs for Western Australians.

NEW SCHOOLS

New primary schools at a cost of $74.5 million to open in 2020 include:
- Baldivis North
- Banksia Grove
- Byford South
- Caversham South

New primary schools at a cost of $78.3 million to open in 2021 include:
- Brabham
- Southern River (Stage 1)
- Harrisdale North
- Baldivis South (Parkland Heights)
- Sunningdale (Yanchep)

Construction at the new Inner City College (planning name) at Kitchener Park will continue ($70.6 million). The school will open for the 2020 school year as a local intake secondary school.
**SCHOOL UPGRADES**

Redevelopment of secondary schools include:

- A redevelopment to expand and upgrade **Balcatta Senior High School** to be completed in 2021 ($50 million)
- **Kinross College** will benefit from works commencing to refurbish facilities ($2.5 million)
- Construction will commence at **Darling Range Sports College**, providing upgrades to the school’s design and technology, visual arts, canteen, music and general classrooms ($10 million)
- Construction will start at **Wanneroo Secondary College** for a new sports hall and hardcourts ($5 million)
- Work continues at **Morley Senior High School** ($1.5 million) and at **Southern River College** ($8.4 million)

Planning will commence at:

- **John Forrest Secondary College** for a major upgrade to replace outdated specialist facilities ($50 million)
- **Mount Lawley Senior High School** to provide new facilities ($4 million)

Upgrades and additions will take place at the following schools:

- **Victoria Park Primary School** planning will commence for a permanent two storey building ($7.1 million)
- Planning for a new child and parent centre at **Arbor Grove Primary School** in Ellenbrook will commence ($1.8 million)
- Construction for a new early childhood facility at **Kinross Primary School** will start ($1.6 million)

Progressing performing arts facilities at the following schools:

- **Belridge Secondary College** ($5 million)
- **Belmont City College** ($5 million)
- **Ocean Reef Senior High School** ($5 million)
- **Melville Senior High School** ($4.5 million)
- **Ballajura Community College** ($5 million)

**REGIONAL SCHOOLS**

The McGowan Government continues to invest in public schools across regional WA.

- Redevelopment of **Broome Senior High School** ($19.3 million)
- Science facilities at **Eaton Community College** ($5 million)
- **Eaton Primary School** specialist early childhood facilities ($3 million)
- Early learning facilities at **Flinders Park Primary School** ($2.5 million)
- Upgrade of facilities at **Mount Lockyer Primary School** ($3 million) and **South Bunbury Primary School** ($5.5 million)
- Construction will continue for the provision of additional classrooms and specialist facilities at **Collie Senior High School** ($7.5 million)
- Planning has commenced for a new cafeteria and flexible learning space at **Bunbury Senior High School** ($5 million)

**SCIENCE IN SCHOOLS**

McGowan Government continues to deliver on its election commitment to boost science in schools to prepare students for future jobs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

$3 million is being invested in 2019-20 as part of the State Budget, towards converting 51 primary classrooms across the State into science laboratories.