

# WA STATE BUDGET 2017-18

## INVESTING IN OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

**Every child deserves a quality education to give them every opportunity to reach their full potential.**

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to giving children a quality education, no matter where they live.

Education is a priority and has a lasting impact on Western Australians. It's crucial that our schools are well equipped and resourced to support students who are there to learn the skills they need to secure decent jobs.

### EDUCATION AT A GLANCE

- **470 extra education jobs in public schools** will be created.
- \$124.1 million to deliver election commitments which will provide **new education initiatives and additional classroom teaching support**.
- **\$465 million towards public school infrastructure** which will create new jobs for WA workers.
- **11 new schools, 4 performance arts centres and 5 early learning centres** will be built.
- **28 schools across WA** will be upgraded.



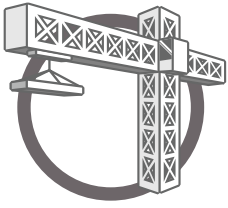
### INVESTING IN OUR CLASSROOMS

**More support in classrooms, including one-on-one attention for students, allows teachers to focus on doing what they do best – educating WA children.**

From 2018, more education assistants and Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers will be placed in WA schools.

Additional teachers will be employed to provide more capacity for Level 3 teachers to improve classroom teaching, oversee the delivery of mental health programs and support regional year 11 and 12 students.

- That's an extra **300 education assistants, 120 teachers and 50 Aboriginal and Islander Education officers** who will be employed at WA schools over the next few years.
- **300 extra education assistants will be employed in WA public schools**, with most allocated to socially disadvantaged students.
- **An extra 50 Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers will be employed in regional WA**, to give local Aboriginal children additional assistance.
- **The 0.1 FTE attached to Level 3 classroom teachers will be reinstated** across half the schools of the state so our exceptional teachers can mentor, teach and share their knowledge with other teachers.
- **Key education stakeholders will be partnered with to deliver high quality professional development** and to look at ways to attract and retain teachers and leaders at rural and remote schools and metropolitan schools of need.
- **Classroom mental health support will be boosted across 300 schools** - which will be provided with a 0.1 FTE of a Level 3 teacher time to help oversee the delivery of evidence based mental health programs.
- **Specialist support for regional schools through:**
  - **the appointment of an Independent Learning Coordinator (ILC) in 10 regional schools** to assist students undertaking courses through the School of Isolated and Distance Education
  - **a regional Learning Specialist team in the curriculum areas of science, social science, mathematics and English** which will be established to visit regional schools and run classes for students and the support the work of ILCs.
- Provision of \$2 million will be made for **professional development programs that support the integration of coding into the curriculum**, including website creation as well as computer software and app development.



# INVESTING IN SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE

Creating the best learning environment will better support students on their educational journey and for the jobs of the future.

The McGowan Labor Government is investing \$465 million to build primary schools in high growth areas, redevelop aging high schools and ensuring all WA students are learning in facilities that meet modern education needs. This infrastructure program will also create local jobs for WA workers.

The introduction of direct to market maintenance and a minor capital works model will give schools the authorisation and funding pool to directly engage their own contractors for works up to the value of \$20,000. This model gives schools the flexibility and the assurance of an annual maintenance allocation.

## NEW PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Banksia Grove	\$15.6m
Baldivis	\$15.6m
Southern River South East	\$15.6m
Brabham	\$15.6m
Burns Beach	\$15.6m
Byford	\$15.6m
Caversham South	\$15.6m
Forrestdale South West	\$15.6m
Huntingdale	\$15.6m
Yanchep	\$15.0m

## PERTH PRIMARY SCHOOL UPGRADES

Caversham Primary School	\$1.0m
Mount Hawthorn Primary School	\$3.5m
North Morley Primary School	\$1.5m
Weld Square Primary School	\$1.5m
Camboon Primary School	\$0.25m
South Ballajura Primary School	\$0.2m
Beaumaris Primary School	\$0.2m
Currambine Primary School	\$0.2m
Yokine Primary School	\$0.35m
Tapping Primary School	\$0.4m

## EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

Ballajura Primary School	\$3.2m
Kinross Primary School	\$1.6m
Glen Huon Primary School	\$1.5m
Flinders Park Primary School	\$2.5m
Arbor Grove Primary School (Child and Parent Centre)	\$1.75m

## NEW INNER CITY COLLEGE

\$68m

## PERTH HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADES

John Forrest Secondary College	\$50m
Balcatta Senior High School	\$50m
Mount Lawley Senior High School	\$4m
Morley Senior High School	\$1.5m
Wanneroo Secondary College	\$5m
Kinross College	\$2.5m
Darling Range Sports College	\$10m
Southern River College	\$8.4m
Canning Vale College	\$2m

## PERFORMING ARTS CENTRES

Ballajura Community College	\$5m
Ocean Reef Senior High School	\$5m
Belridge Secondary College	\$5m
Belmont City College	\$5m
Melville Senior High School (upgrade)	\$4.5m

## REGIONAL SCHOOL UPGRADES

Bunbury Senior High School	\$5m
Collie Senior High School	\$7.5m
Newton Moore Senior High School	\$3m
Eaton Community College	\$5m
Eaton Primary School	\$3m
South Bunbury Primary School	\$3m
Mount Lockyer Primary School	\$3m
Lakelands Senior High School (Mandurah)	\$2.5m
Broome Senior High School	\$20m



# INVESTING IN SCIENCE AT WA SCHOOLS

An investment of \$17 million will be allocated to boost science in schools.

Of that, \$12 million will allow for the conversion of existing classrooms to science laboratories in up to 200 public primary schools. The remainder \$5 million in grants worth up to \$25,000 each will be made for schools to buy resources to equip those labs.