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Investing in our Schools



A Fresh Approach for WA

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INVESTING IN OUR SCHOOLS

Being a dad with young kids, I know just how important a quality school system is to WA parents.

Sarah and I have three kids. We know what it's like for WA parents - we want to make sure our kids have every opportunity to get the skills they need to get decent jobs when they grow up.

That's why it's so important we invest in our schools and make sure that our schools are equipped to give children a modern education.

We will build new primary schools in high growth areas particularly in the outer suburbs of Perth and begin to redevelop high schools built before 1980.

We will build Education Central to house a new academic select school and re-establish Perth Modern School as the local intake school.

We will also build a number of performing arts centres that will become important resources for the whole community. Early Childhood Centres are an investment in the early years and they will be a priority.

WA Labor supports public education and believes that every child deserves a quality education, no matter where they live.

We will invest in education and create the best learning environment for our students.

I'm determined to make education a priority and ensure students receive the support they need to give them the best possible start to life.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A McGowan Labor Government will build better schools and upgrade existing schools so that our children can get the best education they deserve in well maintained facilities that support the modern educational needs of our students.

A McGowan Labor Government will:

- **Invest \$381 million in public school infrastructure and create more than 1,350 new jobs.**
- **Build new primary schools in Banksia Grove, Harrisdale/Piara Waters, Huntingdale, Byford, Baldivis, Bletchley Park, Brabham, Burns Beach, Caversham South and Yanchep.**
- **Invest in the redevelopment of John Forrest Secondary College, Balcatta Senior High School, Mt Lawley Senior High School, Morley Senior High School, Wanneroo Secondary College, Southern River College, Canning Vale College, Darling Range Sports College, Kinross College and Kiara College.**
- **Build Performing Arts Centres at Ballajura Community College, Ocean Reef Senior High School, Belridge Secondary College and Belmont City College and a major upgrade to the existing centre at Melville Senior High School.**
- **Build early learning centres at Ballajura Primary School, Kinross Primary School, Glen Huon Primary School and Flinders Park Primary School and a Child and Parent Centre at Ellenbrook Primary School.**
- **Upgrade regional schools including Bunbury Senior High School, Collie Senior High School, Newton Moore Senior High School, the new Lakelands Senior High School, Eaton Community College, Eaton Primary School, South Bunbury Primary School and Mount Lockyer Primary School.**
- **Undertake an ongoing program of minor capital works at primary schools including at Caversham Primary School, Mt Hawthorn Primary School, North Morley Primary School, Weld Square Primary School, Camboon Primary School, South Ballajura Primary School, Beaumaris Primary School, Currambine Primary School, Yokine Primary School and Tapping Primary School.**
- **Review the planning methodology for new schools.**
- **Introduce a direct-to-market (D2M) maintenance and minor capital works model that gives schools the authorisation and funding pool to directly engage their own contractors for works up to a value of \$20,000.**

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INVESTING IN SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE

SCHOOL	AMOUNT	DATE COMMENCED
New Primary Schools (\$15m per school)		
Baldivis	\$15m	2019-20
Banksia Grove	\$15m	2018-19
Bletchley Park	\$15m	2017-18
Brabham	\$15m	2018-19
Burns Beach	\$15m	2020-21
Byford	\$15m	2018-19
Caversham South	\$15m	2020-21
Harrisdale/Piara Waters	\$15m	2018-19
Huntingdale	\$15m	2019-20
Yanchep – to replace existing Primary school	\$15m	2019-20
Redevelopment and Upgrades of High Schools		
Balcatta Senior High School	\$50m	2017-18
Canning Vale College	\$2m	2017-18
Darling Range Sports College	\$10m	2019-20
John Forrest Secondary College	\$50m	2019-20
Kiara College - reinvestment from land sales	\$20m	2019-20
Kinross College	\$2.5m	2019-20
Morley Senior High School	\$1.5m	2018-19
Mt Lawley Senior High School	\$4m	2019-20
Southern River College	\$8.4m	2018-19
Wanneroo Secondary College	\$5m	2018-19
Performing Arts Centres		
Ballajura Community College	\$7m	2018-19
Belmont City College	\$7m	2019-20
Belridge Secondary College	\$7m	2019-20
Melville Senior High School	\$4.5m upgrade	2017-18
Ocean Reef Senior High School	\$7m	2018-19

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SCHOOL	AMOUNT	DATE COMMENCED
Early Learning Centres		
Ballajura Primary School	\$1.6m	2017-18
Flinders Park Primary School	\$2m	2018-19
Glen Huon Primary School	\$1.5m	2018-19
Kinross Primary School	\$1.6	2019-20
Parent and Child Centre		
Ellenbrook Primary School	\$1.5m	2019-20
Upgrades of Regional Schools		
Bunbury Senior High School	\$1.5m	2018-19
Collie Senior High School	\$7.5m	2017-18
Eaton Community College	\$5m	2018-19
Eaton Primary School	\$3m	2018-19
Mount Lockyer Primary School	\$3m	2019-20
South Bunbury Primary School	\$3m	2018-19
Newton Moore Senior High School	\$3m	2018-19
The new Lakelands Senior High School	\$2.5m	2018-19
Upgrades to Primary Schools		
<i>Ongoing program of minor capital works at primary schools including the following:</i>		
Caversham Primary School		
Camboon Primary School		
Currambine Primary School		
Beaumaris Primary School		
Mt Hawthorn Primary School		
North Morley Primary School		
South Ballajura Primary School		
Tapping Primary School		
Weld Sqare Primary School		
Yokine Primary School		

Planning for New Schools

A McGowan Labor Government is committed to improving government planning for new schools in WA and will review the planning methodology that is currently used by the Department of Education.

The current building works do not include enough provisions for schools in the rapidly growing corridors of Perth. Some schools are turning to staggered assembly times and many primary schools have more than 1000 students with dozens of transportable classrooms on site.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will review the planning methodology for new schools.**

In 2016 there were 2291 transportable classrooms at WA primary and secondary schools. At some schools the large number of transportable classrooms has been at the expense of outdoor play space. At Aubin Grove Primary School there are 26 transportable classrooms, 17 at Bletchley Park Primary School and 42 at Churchlands Senior High School.

The use of transportable classrooms is worse in the outer metropolitan communities due to poor planning by the Liberal Government. Transportable classrooms are being used as makeshift extensions to schools rather than their intended use for temporary short to medium term fluctuations in enrolments.

Too few too late

The Liberal Government has been building three new schools a year. To keep up with WA's growing population, six new schools need to be built each year. The Australian Council for Educational Research predicts a big increase in the number of primary school age children which will need the equivalent of 351 extra classrooms each year until 2020.

Enrolment predictions conducted by the Department for Education show that WA's population continues to grow with 304,910 students in WA schools in 2018, 310,180 in 2019 and 362,300 in 2020. The Department of Education has also identified 12 WA schools that are coming under significant pressure, which means the school's enrolment is approaching full capacity. This puts at risk the ability of the school to meet the enrolment demand of students residing within its local intake area.

Direct to Market (D2M)

A McGowan Labor Government will introduce a direct-to-market (D2M) maintenance and minor capital works model that will provide efficiency in service delivery and better value for money for schools. This will help schools address the backlog of maintenance issues within their schools.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will introduce a direct-to-market (D2M) maintenance and minor capital works model that gives schools the authorisation and funding pool to directly engage their own contractors for works up to a value of \$20,000.**

The D2M model will allow schools to have:

- Flexibility to contract and manage services contracts including routine maintenance.
- An annual maintenance allocation.
- An opt-in model which means the scheme would be voluntary.
- Oversight and support from the Department of Education.

There are 159 WA public schools that have opted to manage their own repair and faults for works under \$1,500.

Under a McGowan Labor Government, schools can either continue to use the centralised tendering method for works under Building Management and Works in the Department of Finance or use the direct-to-market (D2M) method for works up the value of \$20,000.

D2M could provide schools with the autonomy to select their own service providers and allow for a more efficient use of the maintenance budget and more value for money.

The Department of Education would govern the D2M program and oversee its implementation. Schools will have to ensure contractors have the required licences and insurance cover to carry out the maintenance tasks and the work would be signed off to ensure it's at the required standard.

A McGowan Labor Government would provide a transparent analysis of the maintenance backlog and establish measuring capabilities to assess and report if the program objectives have been achieved.

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