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*Welcome to my Budget Newsletter!*

*The Victorian State Budget has just been released and there's lots of exciting news for our community.*

*Investment into our future, and into the health of all Victorians is a priority in this Budget. As our COVID recovery continues we must ensure everyone gets the care they need and deserve - whether at home or in the hospital.*

*Education is the other big winner. More than \$500m is going towards building 65 new schools across Victoria, 3-Year Old Kinder programs are expanding, and TAFE is becoming increasingly accessible.*

*As a parent, I value the education of my kids, and I love seeing the opportunities these investments provide for all our children.*

*Funding for safer roads, local infrastructure, bigger trains – and so much more are also covered in this Budget.*

*With so much investment announced for our community, make sure you follow me on social media to stay up to date.*

*This is a truly wonderful budget for folks in Tarneit, and I'm so proud our Government continues to deliver for families in Wyndham.*

**- Sarah Connolly MP**

# VICTORIAN SICK PAY GUARANTEE

**5 Days a year sick and carer's pay for casual and contract workers**

- Supermarkets • Laundries • Hospo • Security
- Aged Care • Cleaning • Retail • And More...

**'No one should have to choose between paying the bills and their health.'**

**For more information or to sign up visit:**  
[www.vic.gov.au/sick-pay-guarantee](http://www.vic.gov.au/sick-pay-guarantee)  
**or scan the QR code:**



# THE EDUCATION STATE

Over \$527m allocated for the construction of new schools, as the Government continues to deliver on it's promise to build 100 new schools by 2026 - including two brand new high schools in Tarneit and Truganina.

## New Schools:

✓ Tarneit Rise Primary School	Opened 2018
✓ Dohertys Creek P-9 College	Opened 2019
✓ Davis Creek Primary School	Opened 2020
✓ Garrang Wilam Primary School	Opened 2021
✂ Riverdale East Primary School	Opening 2023
✂ Tarneit Missen House Primary School	Opening 2023
✂ Tarneit North Primary School	Opening 2024 - NEW
✂ Truganina North Primary School	Opening 2024 - NEW
✂ Truganina North Secondary College	Opening 2024 - NEW
✂ Riverdale Secondary School	Opening 2024 - NEW
✂ Riverdale North Primary School	Land Funded - NEW



**Truganina North Secondary College**  
↑ Junior Campus - Elements Estate ↑



**Warringa Park School: \$14.66m**

**Special School Upgrades**

Replacing outdated relocatable buildings at Bethany Road and Warringa Park Crescent Campuses.



**Mossfiel Primary School: \$498k**

**Minor Capital Works Fund**

Refurbishment of student toilets to improve amenity, cleanliness and hygiene.



## SENIOR SECONDARY PATHWAYS REFORM

New VCE Vocational Major and Vic Pathways Certificate will replace the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL)

**\$277.5 m**

Good news for youth in Tarneit with more choices when finishing secondary school, including:

- ✓ \$120.2m - For schools to provide the new VCE Vocational Major and Victorian Pathways Certificate and core offering of VET subjects.
- ✓ \$87.9m - To boost the vocational and applied learning workforce.
- ✓ \$69.4m - To expand the Head Start program, giving all government school students access to school-based apprenticeship or traineeships while completing Year 11 & 12.

Learn More: [www.vic.gov.au/senior-secondary-schooling-pathway-reforms](http://www.vic.gov.au/senior-secondary-schooling-pathway-reforms)

Kinder | Schools & Learning | TAFE

## Kinder & Early Learning

Two years of kinder for every child will give our kids the best start in life with the Government investing nearly \$5 billion to roll out universal three-year-old kinder! This is fantastic news for young families in Tarneit.

This means many new and expanded centres being built across Wyndham, including a new early learning centre built alongside every new public school.

Every child starting three-year-old kinder also receives a kinder kit with education items like books and games.



*School Readiness Funding - Delivered!*

*Extra support to help children to get the most out of their early learning*

*Early Childhood Language Program - Delivered!*

*Giving preschool children the opportunity to learn in another language*



Learn more at:

[www.vic.gov.au/kinder-tick](http://www.vic.gov.au/kinder-tick)



Inspiring a lifelong love of learning should start early

## Recruiting More Teachers \$779 million



Tarneit schools will benefit from the Government recruiting more than 1,900 new teachers.

Weekly face-to-face teaching hours will also be reduced by one hour in 2023, then a further half-hour in 2024 for each teacher – without reducing students' one-on-one attention at school.

That means more time for each teacher to prepare and focus on each student and their needs.

## Free TAFE - Get New Skills For In Demand Jobs!

Over 100,000 Victorians have already signed up to get new skills through the Free TAFE program since it was introduced in 2019 - and has since expanded with even more funding.

Some of the most popular courses include Nursing, Accounting and Bookkeeping, Cyber Security, and Early Childhood Education - with dozens more available in a range of fields. There are so many opportunities for Tarneit residents, so check them out.



Get the skills you need to land a job that's in demand

You can now choose from more than 60 priority courses for in-demand jobs and skills!

**Check out the full range:**

[www.vic.gov.au/free-tafe](http://www.vic.gov.au/free-tafe)

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# PANDEMIC REPAIR PLAN

The COVID health pandemic has placed unprecedented pressure on our health system, which is why the Budget includes a \$12 billion boost as part of the Pandemic Repair Plan. This means more staff, better hospitals, and first-class care that puts patients and families in Tarneit first.

## **Werribee Mercy Hospital Emergency Department Expansion: \$109.6m**

Construct and fit out an expanded emergency department.

## **Increased Hospital Capacity: \$54.9m**

Establishment and staffing of modular units to alleviate demand on ED's by providing triage, assessment, respiratory clinic, and urgent care clinic functions at Werribee Mercy Hospital, Northern Hospital and Casey Hospital.

## **Increased ESTA Call-taking and Dispatch Capacity: \$333m**

Adding nearly 400 new staff to increase Triple Zero call taking and dispatch capacity for Triple Zero services, including ambulances, and training more operators to allocate calls across the State.

## **Boost to Paramedics and Ambulances: \$124m**

Build on Ambulance Victoria's record recruitment levels to put 90 additional paramedics on the road - on top of the 2000 paramedics that have joined the workforce.

## **Better at Home Program Expansion: \$698m**

Expanding the Program to help more than 15,000 Victorians access home-based care each year, in addition to telehealth check-ups. So those in need can get access to top quality doctors and nurses from the comfort of their home.

## **Covid Catch-Up Plan: \$1.5 billion**

Increase surgical activity by providing 40,000 extra surgeries in the next year - reducing wait-lists and building up to a record 240,000 surgeries annually in 2024.

Also includes establishment of Rapid Access Hubs - fit-for-purpose theatres designed to separate surgery that can be performed quickly, from emergency and acute surgery - including at Werribee Mercy.



## **EXPANDED NEWBORN BABY SCREENING**



**\$4.11 million to expand bloodspot screening  
early health intervention measures to test  
for conditions and disorders in newborns**

# Growing Suburbs Fund

The Growing Suburbs Fund is about fast-tracked delivery of important infrastructure in growing communities like ours, and has just received another \$50 million in the Budget.

Since 2015, thanks to GSF \$30 million + have been invested into local projects:

- ✓ Mossfiel Reserve Integrated Sports and Community Hub **(\$1,800,000)**
- ✓ Mainview Boulevard Reserve Pavilion and Community Space **(\$1,200,000)**
- ✓ Truganina East Family Learning Centre **(\$1,215,000)**
- ✓ Williams Landing Reserve Integrated Sports and Community Hub **(\$1,905,000)**
- ✓ Tarneit Community Learning Centre Transformation **(\$1,085,850)**
- ✓ Grange Community Centre and Reserve Enhancement **(\$1,000,000)**
- ✓ Upgrade of Golden Square Reserve **(\$325,000)**
- ✓ Truganina South East Community Precinct Masterplan Delivery **(\$3,000,000)**
- ✓ Riverdale Multi-Purpose Community Centre **(\$2,000,000)**
- ✓ Tarneit North Masterplan Implementation Project **(\$2,500,000)**
- ✓ Truganina Community Centre **(\$4,000,000)**



## Wyndham Vale Line - Longer Trains



One AM and two PM peak weekday services running on the Wyndham Vale Line will be extended from 6 to 9 carriages - increasing capacity on each train by 50%.

Services include:

- ✓ 6:54AM departure from Wyndham Vale.
- ✓ 4:55PM departure from Southern Cross.
- ✓ 6:34PM departure from Southern Cross.



## Derrimut Rd - Hopkins Rd/Boundary Rd Intersection Signalisation



Thanks to the \$125.7m Metropolitan Road Upgrades Program, \$18.6m is going towards improving safety and reducing delays at the intersection of Derrimut Road – Hopkins Road / Boundary Road in Tarneit. Permanent traffic signals will be installed.

*"This project will go a long way in addressing safety and congestion issues on this section of Derrimut Road – while also supporting the significant population growth occurring in our developing suburbs."*

## Local Infrastructure

# Creative Industries

*Helping bring leading events to the West*

## GO WEST FESTIVALS FUND - \$2.4 million

Melbourne's West will host signature events supported by the new Go West Festivals Fund, including from the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, RISING and Melbourne Fringe.



The Fund will harness the creativity of our diverse communities showcasing their incredible local talent and culture, while encouraging major events to stage shows and commission new works in the area.

## TARNEIT COMMUNITY AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE - \$500,000

Planning funding for a performing arts centre in Tarneit North, which will provide a range of community services and flexible spaces to nurture creative talent in the West.

# Solar Homes Boost: \$47.20 million

• Solar Panel (PV) Rebates • Solar Hot Water Rebates • Batteries

*Average annual energy bill savings could be up to \$1290 when Solar Panels are combined with Solar Hot Water.*

A boost to the Solar Homes Program means there are now 64,000 \$1,400 solar PV rebates, 1,700 extra battery storage rebates, and interest free loans available in 2022/23 to support Victorian Households.

Eligible households can now also receive both a solar PV rebate and a solar hot water rebate.

If you have already claimed a rebate for panels or hot water, you can now claim a rebate for the other.

To find an authorised retailer, visit:

[www.solar.vic.gov.au/find-authorised-retailer](http://www.solar.vic.gov.au/find-authorised-retailer)

To learn more about the Solar Homes Program, visit:

[www.solar.vic.gov.au](http://www.solar.vic.gov.au)



## Power Saving Bonus - \$250

Now available for all households from July 1st 2022

Use Victorian Energy Compare to find the best energy deal and save.

Visit [www.compare.energy.vic.gov.au](http://www.compare.energy.vic.gov.au)



Tarneit  
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