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Education Update



Riverbend Primary School opening 2021.



NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL NOW OPEN IN WYNDHAM VALE

Riverbend Primary School has officially welcomed its first students for Term 1, here in the Werribee District.

The fantastic new school will cater for 575 students, and is one of 14 new Victorian schools to open in 2021.

Riverbend Primary School includes three learning neighbourhoods, outdoor play courts, a performing arts and physical education building, and a sports field.

More than 110 students are starting school at Riverbend Primary this year, including 44 Prep students – some of whom I met with to give them their 2021 Prep bags!

The Andrews Government is now ahead of schedule on its commitment to open 100 new schools by 2026, with 48 new schools opening between 2019 and 2022.

BUILDING NEW SCHOOLS FOR WERRIBEE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

The Andrews Government is continuing to build new schools for our growing Werribee community, ensuring that local students have the best facilities, our classrooms have the best teachers, and every child is given every chance to succeed.

We opened Riverwalk Primary School in 2020, and also acquired land for a future secondary school in Werribee's Harpley Estate.

The 2020/21 State Budget provided funding to acquire land for new local schools at Holyoake Parade Primary School (interim name) and Lollypop Creek Primary School (interim name).

The Andrews Government is building the Education State so that every student can access a great local school and a quality education.



Riverwalk Primary School opening 2020.

Building the Education State in the Werribee electorate

INVESTING IN OUR LOCAL WERRIBEE SCHOOLS

The Andrews Government continues to invest in local schools here in Wyndham, by funding school upgrades, maintenance, and programs.

Through the 2020/21 State Budget, we funded a **\$10.66 million** upgrade for **Woodville Primary School**, and **\$7.97 million** for **Warringa Park School** for the next stage of the school's masterplan – following the **\$12.4 million** funding in 2019 for Stage 1 which is currently under construction.

Since my previous Education update for Werribee District, **Manorvale Primary School**, **Thomas Chirnside Primary School**, **Little River Primary School**, **Werribee Primary School**, **Wyndham Park Primary School**, **Iramoo Primary School**, **Werribee Secondary College**, **Suzanne Cory High School** and **Wyndham Vale Primary School** have been successful in **thousands of dollars** worth of maintenance and capital works funding.

A new community fitness circuit and playground were also funded and constructed at **Little River Primary School**, which the students excitedly gave me a tour of late last year!

The Andrews Government provided **\$2 million** to **Mackillop College**, and **\$1.65 million** to **St Andrews Primary School** through the Non-Government Schools Capital Fund – and construction for both school projects are now complete.

In the Werribee District, **Westgrove Primary School**, **Riverwalk Primary School**, **Manorvale Primary School**, **Werribee Primary School**, **Little River Primary School**, **Suzanne Cory High School**, **Woodville Primary School**, **Wyndham Park Primary School**, **Thomas Chirnside Primary School**, **Warringa Park School** and **Manor Lakes P-12 College** have participated in the School Breakfast Club program – ensuring kids have access to healthy meals to help them thrive at school.

Wyndham Central College, **Wyndham Park Primary School**, **Wyndham Vale Primary School** and **Riverwalk Primary School** will receive solar power systems under the **\$8.8 million** Greener Government School Buildings Program – aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Manor Lakes P-12 College has recently been allocated **\$25,000** through the Government's Safe and Well Initiative for the implementation of staff wellbeing training. Additionally, under the Mental Health Practitioners initiative, students at **Manor Lakes P-12 College**, **Werribee Secondary College**, **Wyndham Central College** and **Suzanne Cory High School** have been able to access school-based mental health support through qualified mental health professionals.



Riverwalk Primary School



Little River Primary School



St Andrews Primary School



Riverbend Primary School



Woodville Primary School



Manor Lakes P-12 College



Warringa Park School



Werribee Primary School



Mackillop Catholic Regional College



Thomas Chirnside Primary School

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