

Media Release

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Bayswater District schools duped by Andrews Government

Bayswater District MP Heidi Victoria said the Andrews Government's 2015/16 budget is disappointing for schools in the electorate with not enough funding to complete any of the projects promised.

The Basin Primary School, Boronia Heights Primary School and Bayswater North Primary School were all given partial funding towards major improvements and rebuilding at the school, however none of the full amounts have been budgeted for.

"How can this government make a commitment to rebuild a school at a cost of \$5.7 Million, like Boronia Heights Primary School, and yet fund less than a quarter of it in the first year.

"Labor cannot manage money and these projects should be funded in their entirety to ensure they are completed on time and on budget."

Under the 2015/16 budget, The Basin Primary School has been allocated about \$1million of the required \$5.7 million needed for modernisation of the school and co-tenancy with The Basin Community House.

"What is interesting with this funding is that the Minister for Families and Children, and the Knox City Council do not envisage the relocation of the community house, yet the Treasurer does."

Ms Victoria said Bayswater North Primary School had already been given funding for its \$2.34 million stage-one rebuild by the former Coalition Government.

She said the Andrews Government had failed the students of Bayswater North Primary School by providing a funding shortfall of \$87,000.00 for the remainder of stage 1.

"This just isn't good enough for our children. Why has Labor not allocated the full amount for stage 1 of this project? How can the school start work on stage 2 when funding has not even been delivered for stage 1?

"These schools need this funding to ensure that their students can learn in modern environments and have access to the same opportunities as students at other schools in other electorates," Ms Victoria said.