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Bayswater schools to share in \$41 million for literacy and numeracy

Bayswater Secondary College, Our Lady of Lourdes School and Our Lady of Perpetual Help School will share in more than \$41 million to help students who are falling behind to improve their literacy and numeracy.

Students in 309 schools across Victoria will benefit from the funding injection.

Education Minister Martin Dixon said the partnership would provide significant benefits to Bayswater students.

“This is a boost for those students who need extra support in literacy and numeracy,” Mr Dixon said.

“Schools will be able to run additional programs to help students who are falling behind in literacy and numeracy.

“While Victoria always performs well in literacy and numeracy compared with other states, the Victorian Coalition Government is aiming higher – we want to be among the global top tier of education systems. This is another step towards that goal.”

The funding builds on the investment of over \$740 million over four years the Victorian Coalition Government has directed towards literacy and numeracy support.

Heidi Victoria, Member for Bayswater said “The Victorian Government will support Victoria's self-managing schools to select appropriate programs. They are in the best position to decide how to use the funding to improve literacy and numeracy outcomes at their schools.”

Schools will receive this funding from the start of term 2.

The National Partnership funding complements the Victorian Coalition Government's range of initiatives already in place to support student performance, including \$24.3 million to recruit 100 new maths and science specialists, 100 scholarships to encourage university science graduates into teaching, and \$2.5 million School Specialisation Grants program, which enabled 25 schools to specialise in a field of their choice.