

Message from the Minister

Welcome to the New Dandenong High School

The 2008 school year is an exciting one for secondary school education in Dandenong.

This year construction has begun on the new Dandenong High School, part of the Victorian Government's Victorian Schools Plan to rebuild, extend or renovate every school across the state.

The new Dandenong High School will incorporate the best of the three schools that have merged and deliver new state-of-the-art facilities for students.

It is our goal that the new school will help students to be more engaged and help to deliver better outcomes for the whole Dandenong community.

This brochure provides information about the vision for the new school, the exciting new facilities that are being built and how these new facilities will be used to deliver 21st century learning and teaching practices in modern and flexible learning environments.

Our children are our future and the new Dandenong High School will help them achieve their goals. We look forward to sharing this journey with you.



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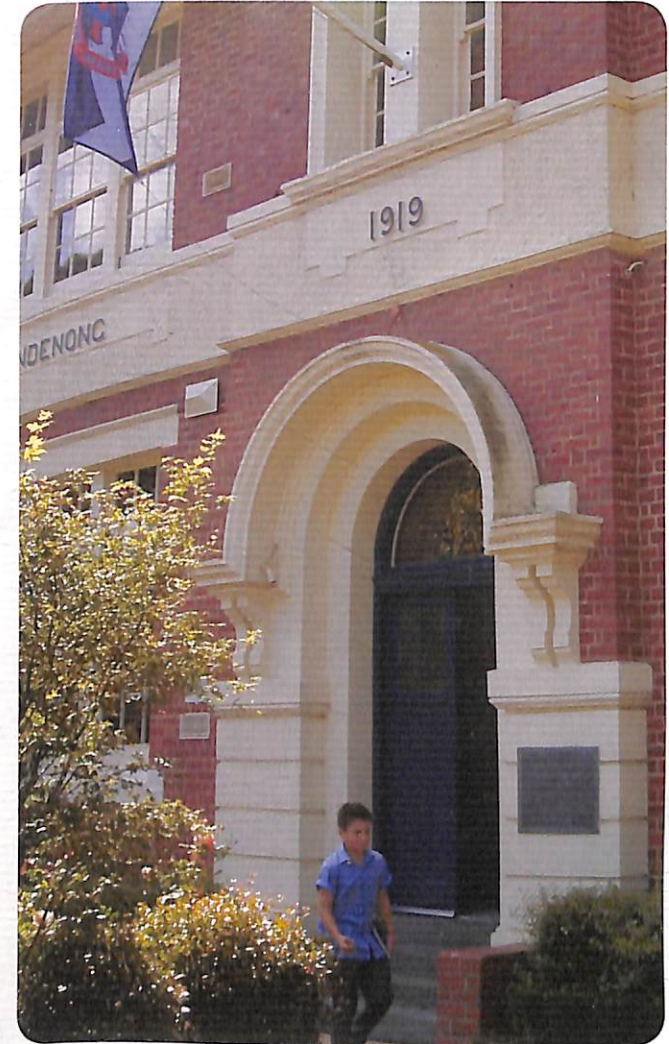
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In 2008 construction began on the new Dandenong High School – part of the Victorian Government's Victorian Schools Plan.

The Victorian Schools Plan is the largest investment in school buildings in the history of state education with every Victorian government school to be rebuilt, extended or renovated by 2016.

The New Dandenong High School

At the start of 2007, Dandenong High School, Cleeland Secondary College and Doveton Secondary College officially merged to become the new Dandenong High School.

The new school will be built on the current Dandenong High School and Cleeland Secondary College sites. During 2008 students will remain on the existing three sites.

School Council

An interim school council has been appointed to govern the new Dandenong High School. The interim school council is made up of representatives from the former Dandenong High School, Cleeland Secondary College and Doveton Secondary College school councils.

School Name and School Uniform

In 2007 the interim school council conducted a consultative process to decide on the new school name and uniform.

As a result of this process, it was decided Dandenong High School would be the new school name.

This process also chose the new Dandenong High School uniform. The new uniform will be revealed during 2008 and phased in for all new students from the start of 2009. All students will be in the new uniform by the end of 2011.

Enrolments

The new Dandenong High School will serve the combined areas for the three merged schools.



The school will also serve students from the Noble Park English Language School.

Construction

Construction of the new Dandenong High school started in 2008. It is anticipated that stage one of construction will be completed in 2009.

Stage one building works include:

- The first three of the seven Student Learning Centre buildings
- Refurbishment of the Library Resource Centre

Additional building works will include:

- A new Performing Arts and Physical Education Centre on the former Cleeland Secondary College site
- New science laboratories
- A new technology wing
- New fine arts studios
- Modern food technology kitchens
- Computer technology facilities

Upon completion, buildings on the former Cleeland Secondary College site will be demolished. The new school's sporting grounds will be located on this site.

Student Learning Centres

Catering for a long term enrolment of 2100 students, the new Dandenong High School will provide students with a 'school within a school' setting to help build strong relationships with their teachers and fellow students.



The new school will include multi-age Year 7 to 12 house buildings of 300 students each. The house buildings, called Student Learning Centres, will be staffed by a team of house teachers providing core curriculum classes plus student management and welfare.

Toilets, a staff room and space for individual and group learning will all be provided in the one building.

Curriculum

The new Dandenong High School will offer students a broad range of subjects that will provide a variety of career pathways.

The structure, organisation and delivery of curriculum will be based on the Student Learning Centre model outlined above. Each Student Learning Centre will have its own team of teachers delivering curriculum.

Specialist studies including Visual and Performing Arts, Physical Education, Science, Design, Creativity and Technology will be provided in separate purpose-built facilities that will be accessed by all students in the school.

Environmentally Sustainable Design

The architecture of the new Dandenong High School buildings incorporates Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) principles. There will be many innovative features in the way the buildings are ventilated, heated, cooled, soundproofed and their use of natural light. The water and energy consumption of each building will be on display for students to see and will be a key area of student learning. The landscaping will focus on drought resistant, native flora indigenous to the area.

Dandenong High School

Stage One to be completed in 2009*

1 to 7 Student Learning Centres housing 300 year 7 to 12 students for their core classes together with a team of 'house' teachers

8 Performing Arts Centre

9 Auditorium seating 350

10 Physical Education Centre

11 Upstairs: Chemistry and Physics Laboratories
Downstairs: Food Technology and Cafeteria

12 Upstairs: Senior Computer Technology and Student Support Services

13 Administration

14 Upstairs: Fabrics, Media and ICT
(Information and communication technology)
Downstairs: Library Resource Centre

15 Design Technology Wing

16 Fine Arts Wing

17 Sports Stadium

* Stage One buildings are numbers 1,2,3 and downstairs of 14

