

## Media Release

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### **INAUGURAL WESTINVEST FUNDING MODERNISES NINE WESTERN SYDNEY SCHOOLS**

Nine public schools in West and South West Sydney will be modernised to deliver state-of-the-art learning environments, in the first suite of projects announced through the NSW Government's \$5 billion WestInvest funding program.

Today's Budget commits \$478.2 million from the \$3 billion NSW Government WestInvest grants to upgrade nine schools, delivering huge benefits to local students and helping to meet the needs of the growing population.

Treasurer Matt Kean said the NSW Government created WestInvest to fund transformational infrastructure projects across West and South West Sydney to make Western Sydney an even better place to live, work and raise a family.

"We made school modernisation one of the six key focus areas of WestInvest to ensure students have access to state-of-the-art learning environments to prepare them for an increasingly digital world and give them the best start to life," Mr Kean said.

"This funding will deliver enormous benefits to students in West and South West Sydney, and I am proud that it is the first announcement under our city-shaping WestInvest program."

Minister for Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said the investment would help ensure the delivery of world class education to the students of Western Sydney.

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The projects include upgrades to:

- Austral Public School
- Condell Park High School
- Leppington Public School
- Parramatta East Public School
- Riverbank Public School (Stage 3)

- Rouse Hill High School
- Schofields Public School
- Sir Joseph Banks High School
- Telopea Public School

Further projects funded under the \$3 billion WestInvest NSW Government allocation will be announced this year.

Local organisations are also in the final stages of preparing applications for the \$2 billion WestInvest Community Project Grants.

More than 1,000 local organisations that successfully completed the registration-of-interest process in April are eligible to apply for a share of \$1.6 billion funding in the WestInvest Competitive round, which will close at 5.00pm on Monday 25 July 2022.

The 15 eligible local councils can apply for a share in \$400 million in direct funding, with each council eligible for \$20 million to \$35 million, depending on population size.

Eligible projects must be based in one or more of the 15 eligible Western Sydney Local Government Areas and deliver infrastructure that addresses one of six focus areas:

1. Quality Green and Open Spaces
2. Community Infrastructure
3. School Modernisation
4. Arts and cultural facilities
5. High Street Activation
6. Local Traffic Programs

To find out more about WestInvest, visit: [www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/westinvest](http://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/westinvest)

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