

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Hearing 2019-20

7 June



The 2019-20 Victorian State Government Budget continues our commitment to make Victoria the Education State by rolling out Three-year-old Kindergarten, boosting the workforce, investing in early childhood services and delivering the largest ever investment in infrastructure.



Introduction

- This Budget continues to build our commitment to education reform
- **\$9.7 billion** already invested in early childhood education and in school education

Our investment is paying off:

- positive feedback from teachers and principals and their commitment to drive improvement in their schools and classrooms
- best ever NAPLAN results
- shifting record numbers of students up from the bottom three bands of NAPLAN
- improvement in Year 12 completion rates of children from disadvantaged communities



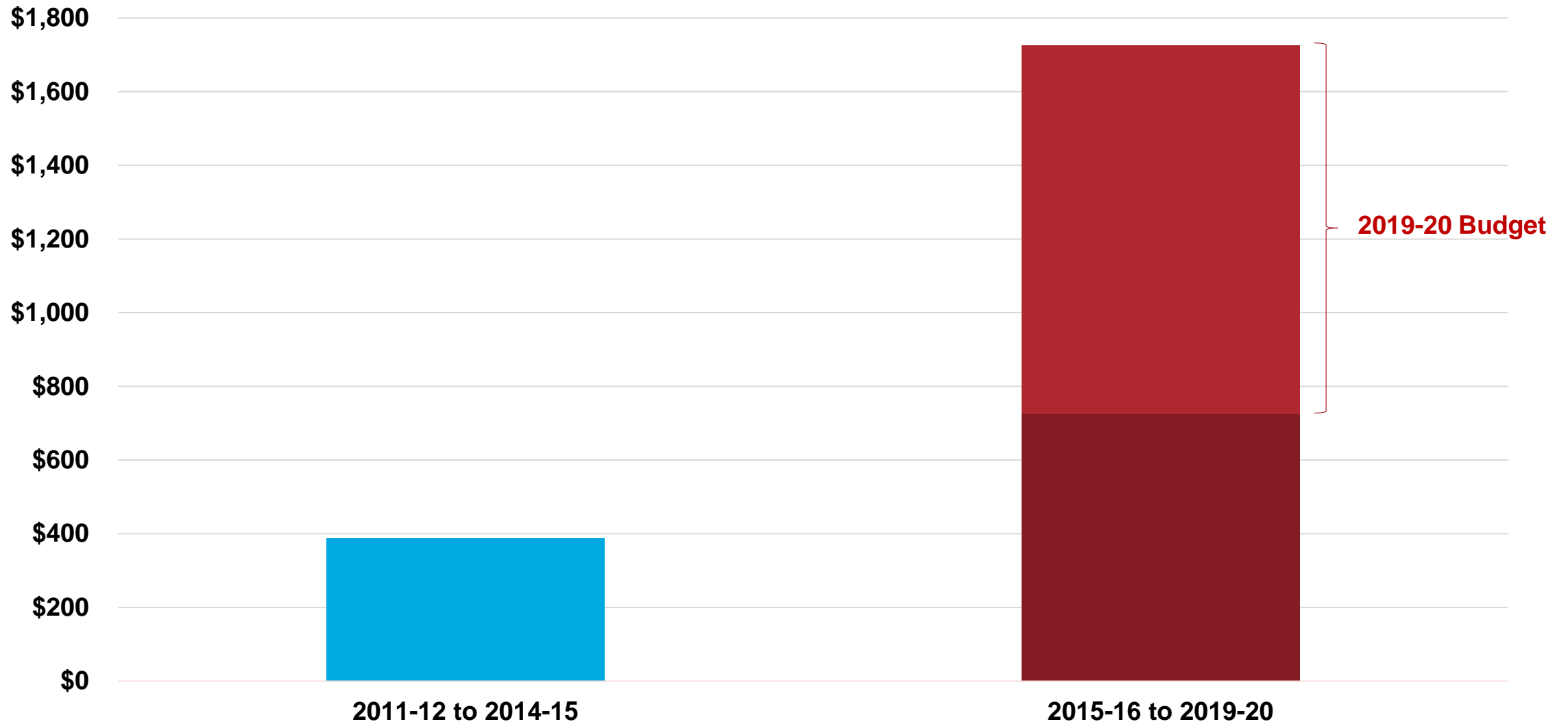
2019-20 Budget overview

- This year's **\$3.8 billion** Budget investment across schools and early childhood builds on our foundations:
 - Victoria's largest investment in school and kindergarten infrastructure
 - Record funding for schools and kindergartens
 - Universal, subsidised Three-year-old Kindergarten
 - Building our early childhood workforce



It all starts with Early Childhood

(\$ millions)



Early Childhood - Three-year-old Kindergarten

- A once in a generation change, which will be implemented in stages
- **\$881.6 million** to deliver both three-year-old quality, subsidised kindergarten to Victorian children
- In **2020**, we will fund up to 15 hours of Three-year-old Kindergarten to six local government areas (LGAs)
- In **2021**, it will be introduced to another 15 LGAs
- In **2022**, children across the rest of the state will have access to five hours of subsidised kindergarten for three-year-olds
- The full 15-hour program will be delivered by **2029** to around **90,000** children each year across the state
- **\$26.1 million** extra funding to extend **School Readiness Funding** to three-year-olds



Building our Early Childhood workforce

More than

6,000



jobs for teachers and educators
over the next 11 years

\$28.5 million



to add two early childhood
qualifications to the **Free TAFE
for Priority Courses** list

\$92.4 million



to attract, develop and retain
a growing workforce

Scholarships and incentives
available for those looking to start a
career as an early childhood
teacher and those wanting to upskill



Investing in our Early Childhood Infrastructure

\$473.2 million 

to invest in early childhood infrastructure over five years

including

\$33.6 million 

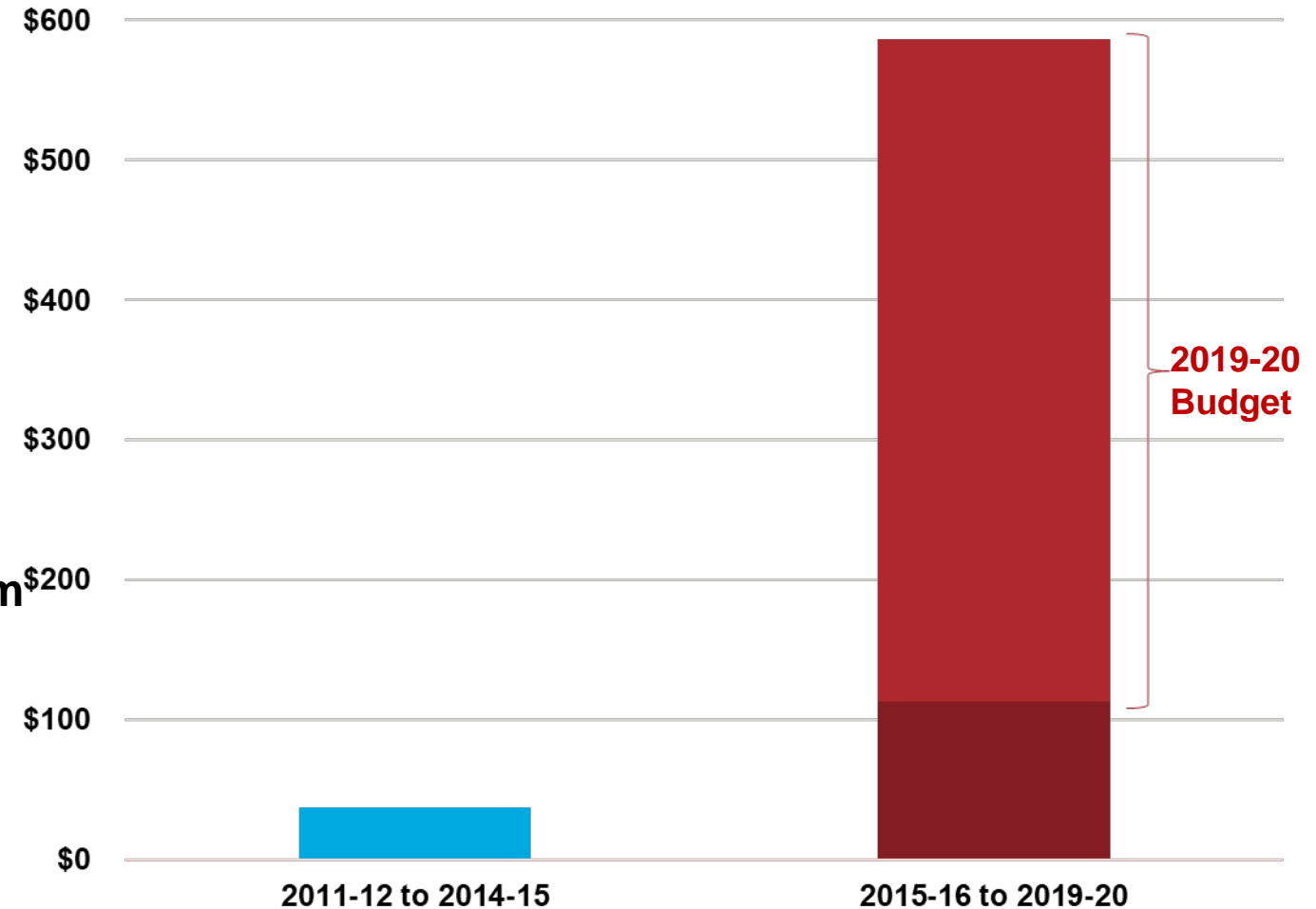
for the **Children's Facilities Capital Program**
and **Inclusive Kindergartens Facilities Program**

Almost

1000 

new and expanded kindergarten facilities across the next decade

(\$millions)




Giving every Victorian child access to high-quality kindergarten

\$6 million 

to support kindergartens in making their buildings and playgrounds more inclusive and accessible

\$1.6 million 

to assist children with significant disability or complex medical needs

\$3.4 million 

to continue **Early Childhood Intervention Services**

\$6.1 million 

to ensure the Department can continue to assess and rate Victorian ECEC services and investigate and improve compliance with the national law

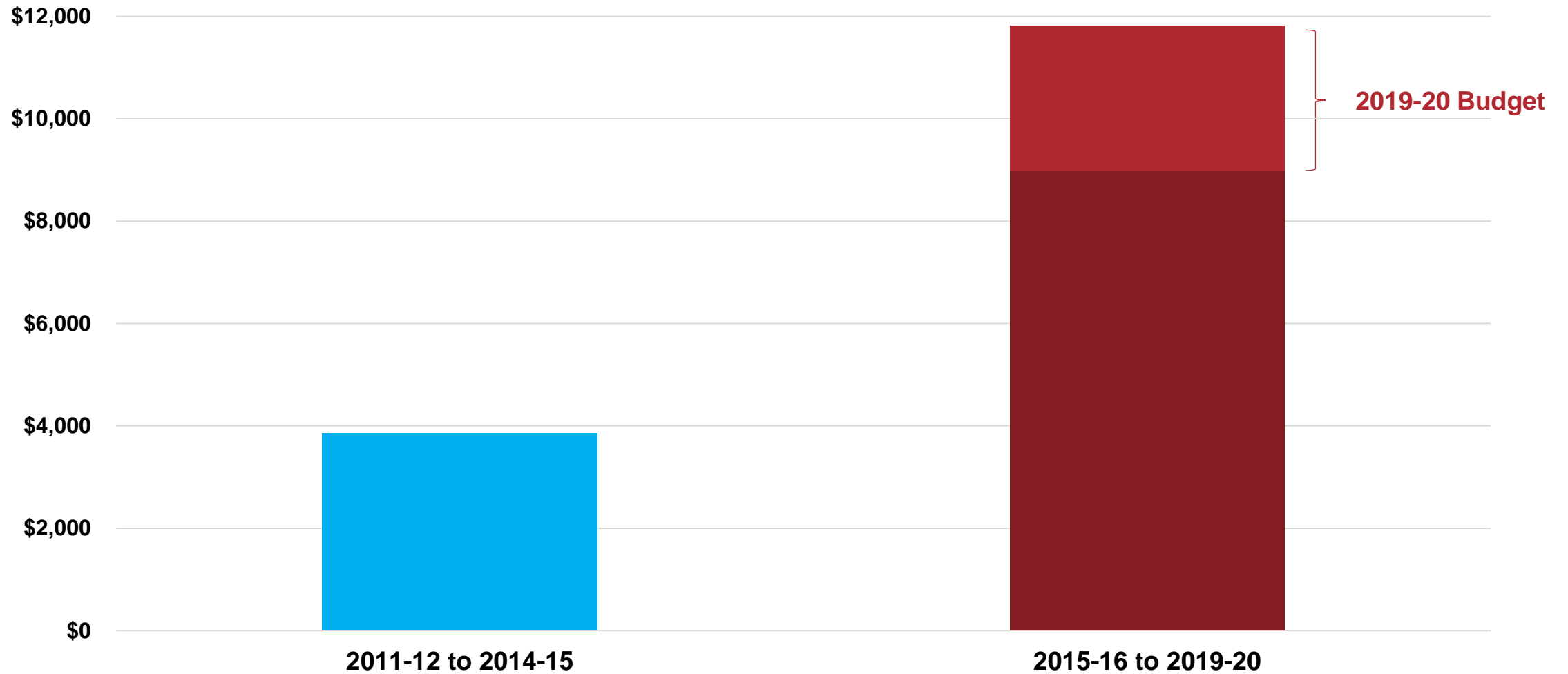
\$49.7 million

to continue the Kindergarten Fee Subsidy, Early Start Kindergarten, Early Childhood Teacher Supplement and Ratio Supplement programs



Unprecedented investment in School Education

(\$millions invested through Budget)





Victoria is a leader in primary school NAPLAN outcomes

In 2018, Victoria's primary school students ranked first or second in every domain across Australia
(mean scores)

	Reading	Writing	Grammar	Spelling	Numeracy
Year 3	2	1	2	2	2
Year 5	2	1	1	2	1

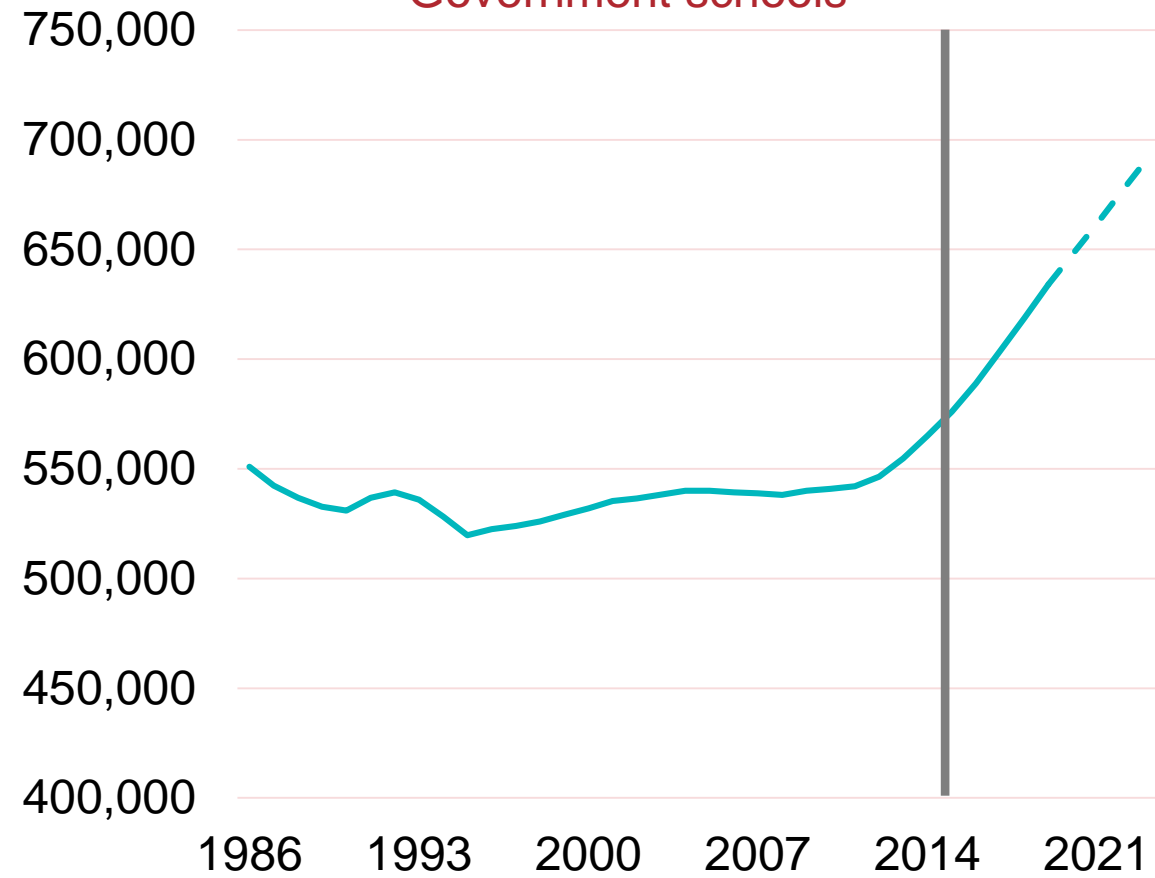
Victorian scores have improved in almost all Year 5 and 9 NAPLAN domains

Victorian students' mean scores improved from 2017 to 2018 for every Year 5 and 9 domain except Writing

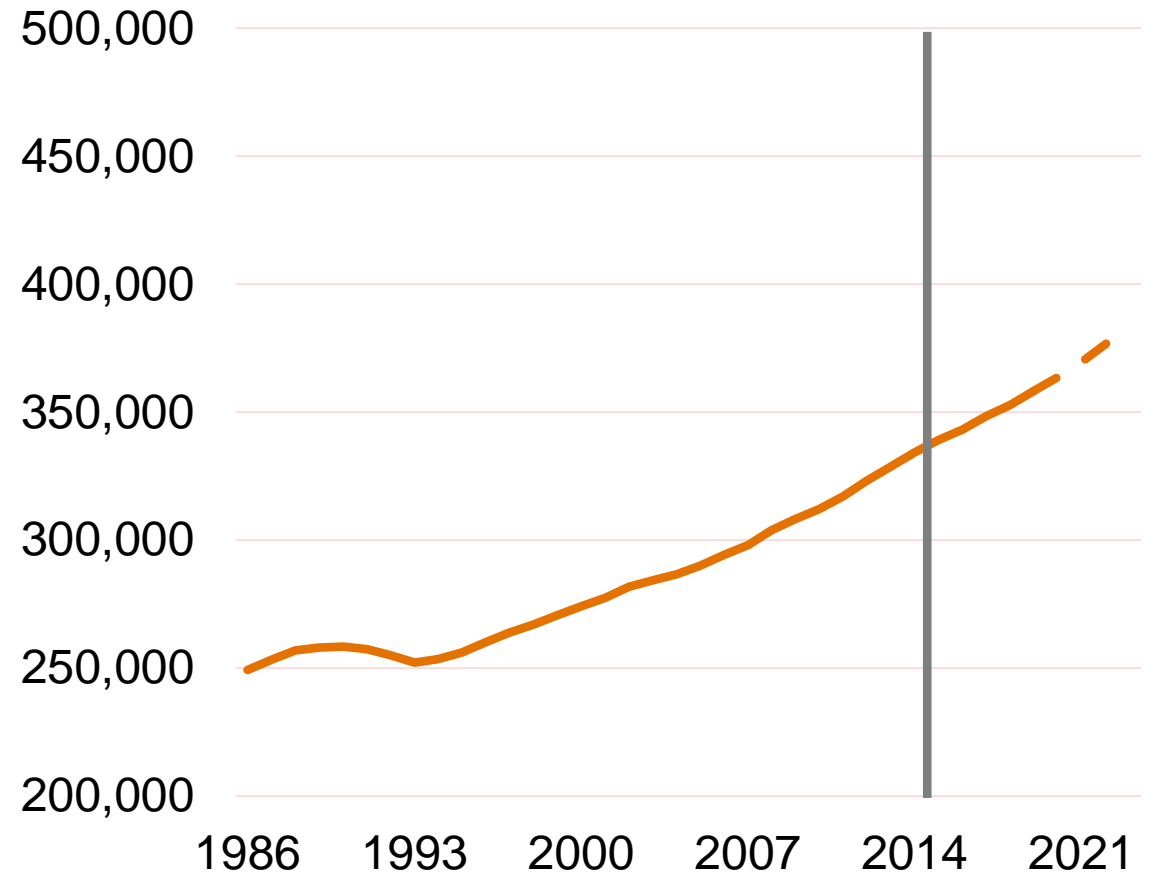
YEAR 5	2017	2018	Trend	YEAR 9	2017	2018	Trend
Reading	514.6	519.9		Reading	582.4	588.5	
Writing	485.6	478.2	All jurisdictions declined	Writing	561.0	550.9	All jurisdictions declined
Spelling	503.5	507.4		Spelling	579.5	584.4	
Grammar and Punctuation	504.7	510.5		Grammar and Punctuation	571.8	582.0	
Numeracy	501.7	502.9		Numeracy	593.3	600.0	

Growth in school enrolments

Government schools

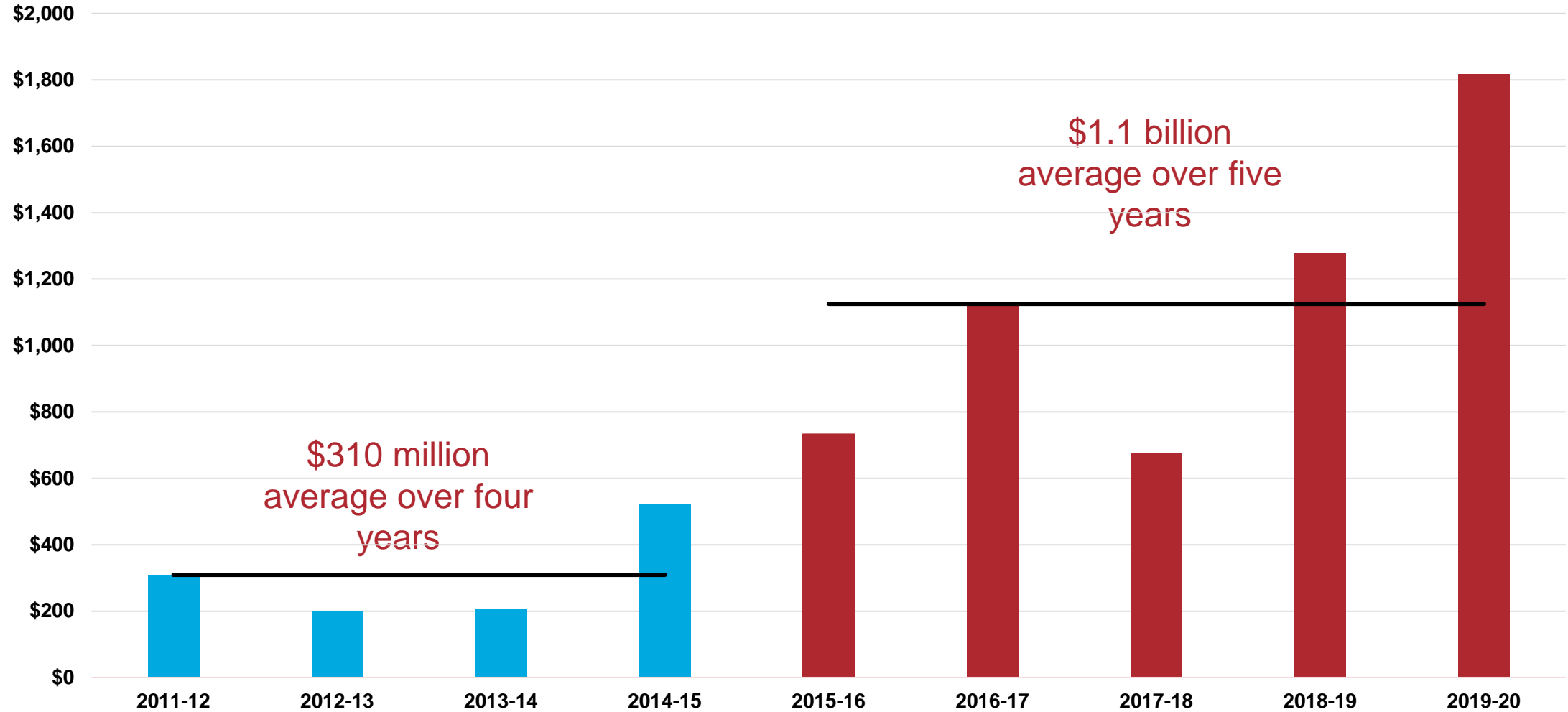


Non-Government schools



School Infrastructure Investment

(\$ millions invested through Budgets)



Supporting growth and making our schools stronger

- Opening **100** new schools over next eight years
- Investing **\$1.82 billion** to continue our school building boom
- This Budget funds the construction of a further **13** new schools to open in **2021**, with another four opening in **2022**

Major upgrades at

109 

schools and planning
underway for a further 44

\$101.3 million 

for additional classrooms as part
of the **Relocatable Buildings Program**

\$362.7 million 

towards upgrading and modernising
existing schools

\$402 million 

for construction, expansion and renovation of
non-government schools



Making our schools safer

\$179.5 million

this budget to continue removing asbestos from schools.

By the end of 2020, **all government schools** will be free of high risk asbestos and asbestos that poses a risk in the future.

- Comprehensive audit of over **1,700 school sites** completed in 2016.
- All detected high risk asbestos removed from the **497 identified schools**.

100 new architect-designed permanent modular buildings to replace old buildings.

\$200 million

already invested in the asbestos safety program.

Resulting in the Removal of asbestos from

330 schools



Keilor Primary School
Photo by John Madden

Yarra Glen Primary School – opening of new modular building



Supporting the health, wellbeing and participation of all children and students

\$20.7 million 
for free tampons and pads

\$7.5 million 
for **Community Language Schools**

\$58 million 
expands **School Breakfast Clubs Program**

\$5.8 million 
to strengthen anti-bullying support

\$24.1 million
for Child Link register, to promote children's wellbeing and safety.



Conclusion

- The Education State has come a long way
- Our reforms are giving Victorians the opportunity to thrive, contribute to their communities and succeed in their work and life
- This will help shape our investment and strengthen our ability to create opportunities for every Victorian through education



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