

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Inquiry into the 2024–25 Budget Estimates

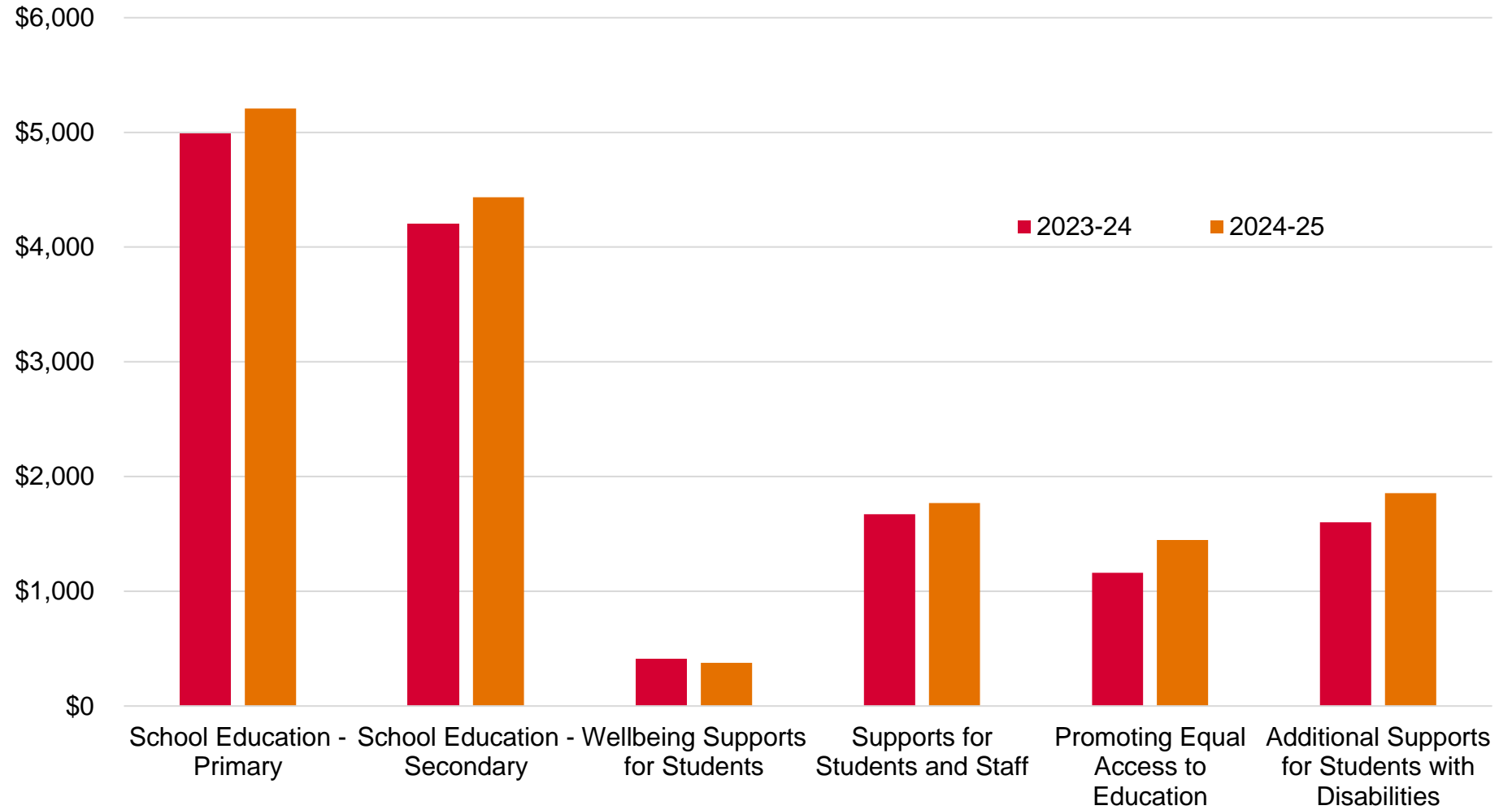


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Strong investment in school education

Total output funding of \$15.1 billion in 2024-25 – an increase of almost **\$1.1b (7.5%)** since 2023-24

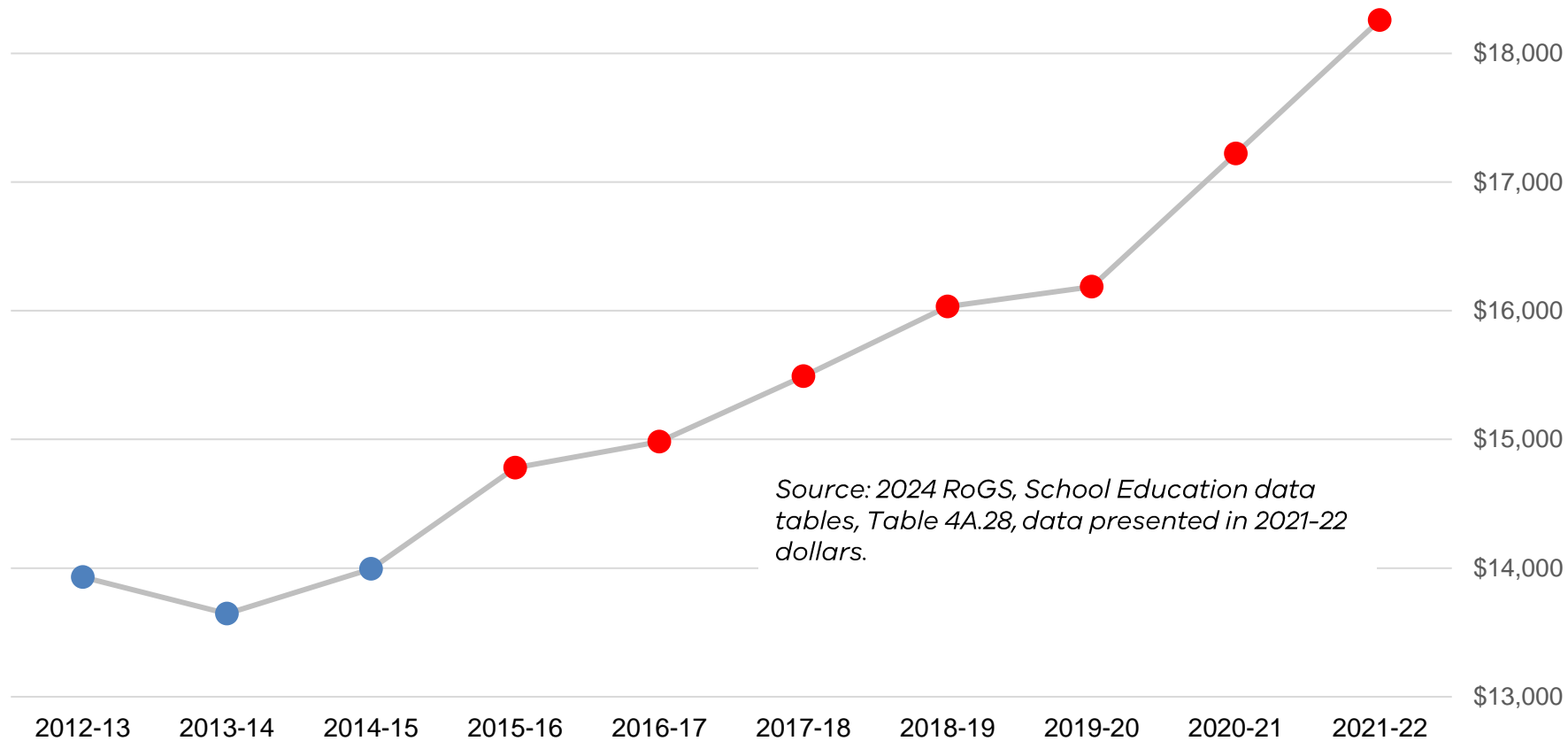


Graph - \$ million
Source: Victorian Budget 2024/25 – BP3 Chp2, p94

Huge growth in funding for students

Growth in funding for students

State and territory government recurrent expenditure per FTE government school student, data adjusted to 2021-22 dollars



Source: 2024 RoGS, School Education data tables, Table 4A.28, data presented in 2021-22 dollars.

Growth in per capita funding in government schools from 2014-15 to 2021-22:

Victoria	30.5%
TAS	22.5%
NSW	18.8%
QLD	13.4%
SA	11.2%
NT	7.4%
ACT	4.9%
WA	-8.0%

Supporting First Nations children



\$51m

to improve education and wellbeing outcomes for Victoria's First Nations students through strengthening self-determination and cultural safety in schools

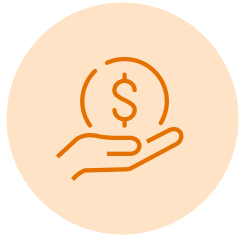
This will include:

\$31.6m

to increase the capacity of Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to support education outcomes for First Nations students



Helping ease cost-of-living pressures for families



\$280.1m

School Saving Bonus with **\$400** for each government and eligible non-government school child to help pay for uniforms and school activities



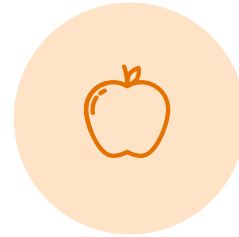
\$6.8m

to expand Glasses for Kids to offer free vision screening, and glasses if needed, to an estimated **74,000** prep to Year 3 students



\$14.7m

for Outside School Hours Care in small and regional schools



\$21.1m

to expand School Breakfast Club Program to all government, specialist and community language schools that want to be involved



\$32.8m

Students with Disabilities Transport Program, including **6** new services



Supporting the health and wellbeing of students



\$47.2m

for critical health and wellbeing services to schools

This will include:

\$21.8m

for student support services

\$13.9m

for mental health supports

\$6.3m

for Primary School Nursing Program

Budget includes:

\$39.1m

to continue the Respectful Relationships initiative



Keeping students active



\$42.4m
for Active Schools

This will include:

\$12m

for Active Schools
Grants over
4 years

\$11.2 m

for Active Schools
Extracurricular Boosts
over 4 years and
\$2.8m ongoing



\$73.4m
for Swimming
and Water Safety
Education Program

Schools: NAPLAN

In 2023, **Victoria ranked first or second** in 16 of 20 measures – more than any other jurisdiction

Victoria had the **smallest, or second smallest proportion of students who need additional support** in all 20 domains across Years 3, 5, 7 and 9

Over **70%** of Year 3 and nearly **80%** of Year 5 students achieved in the **'strong' or 'exceeding' proficiency levels** for Reading

Year 3 NAPLAN performance 2023					
		VIC	ACT	NSW	WA
Reading	1st	416.0	415.9	411.1	395.0
Numeracy	1st	417.7	411.9	415.9	399.4
Writing	2nd	424.4	413.5	426.3	408.8
Spelling	2nd	409.9	403.4	416.2	395.8
G&P	2nd	419.2	411.6	421.4	401.7

Year 5 NAPLAN Performance 2023					
		VIC	ACT	NSW	WA
Reading	2nd	507.1	508.5	500.5	486.6
Numeracy	2nd	494.3	494.0	496.8	482.1
Writing	1st	498.3	483.2	491	476.5
Spelling	2nd	494.1	492.1	497.6	485.8
G&P	2nd	503.0	499.7	503.3	491.5

■ 1st place

■ 2nd place

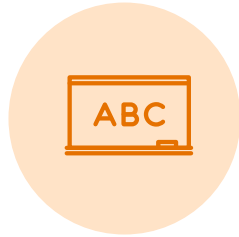
NOTE: A new NAPLAN scale was introduced in 2023. Performance in 2023 cannot be compared with previous years.

Ensuring children reach their potential



\$16.9m

to continue the Student Excellence Program



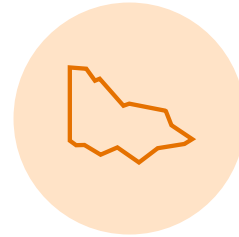
\$8.2m

for early years literacy assessment



\$11.9m

for place-based education and wellbeing programs



\$6m

to expand curriculum access for rural and regional students



\$14m

for Tech Schools, including STEM camps



Supporting our CALD and migrant communities



\$42.6m

for English as an Additional Language program and interpreting and translating services, to ensure CALD and migrant students are supported in their education



\$10.5m

for Community Language Schools, which provided programs for **41,700** students in 2023



\$12m

to continue education initiatives under the Victorian African Communities Action Plan





Supporting disadvantaged and at-risk students



\$28.4m

for the Education Justice Initiative program helping students in or at risk of contact with the justice system stay in education



\$8.4m

to expand supports for children in out of home care, including the Lookout program in schools and early childhood settings, and better coordination between education and care services

Senior Secondary Pathways Reform



\$108.5m

to support a successful senior secondary experience for every Victorian student

This includes:



\$71m

to support vulnerable young people to complete Year 12



\$4.9m

for **6,000** year 9 and 10 students to have a taste of VET at TAFE to inspire their career choices



Recruiting, retaining and supporting our workforce



\$139.2m

to recruit, retain and support our workforce. This includes:

\$20.8m

To continue the Primary Mathematics and Science Specialist Program and train an additional **100 teachers** as mathematics specialists

\$10.7m

for Principal Advisory Service and School Administration Support Hub to further reduce administrative burden on principals

\$10.3m

for Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership to continue its work delivering excellence in teaching practice and leadership in our schools

\$10.6m

to support flexible working arrangements for school leaders

\$7.3m

to support schools to attract teachers from overseas



Recruiting, retaining and supporting our workforce



\$63.8m

for mental health and wellbeing support for school staff, including early intervention services and improved return to work support



\$15.8m

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support initiative to 450 government schools each year



The Budget also includes:

\$33.1m

for Intensive School Support team to assist schools facing complex circumstances





\$16.9b

over 10 years

100

new schools
opened or
funded

2000+

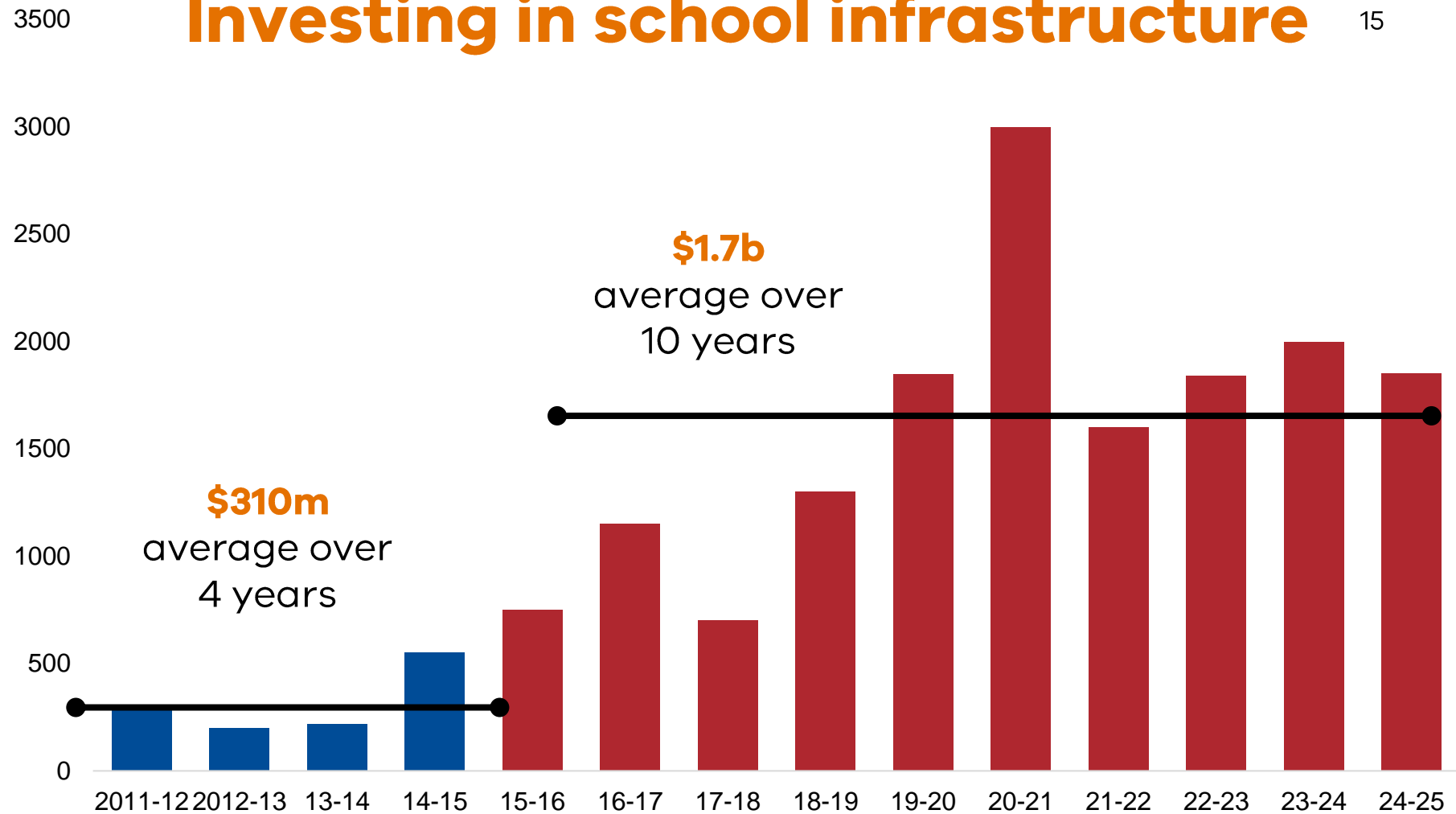
school upgrade
projects

26,000

jobs supported
in construction
and associated
industries

Investing in school infrastructure

15



The current government's **annual average** spend of **\$1.7b** on school infrastructure is greater than the **total \$1.3b** spent by the former government over 4 years

Delivering 100 new schools by 2026



\$948m
investment

The new investment will build:

16
new schools,
meaning that **19**
will open in 2026

Builds on
3 new schools
funded in last
year's Budget to
open in 2026

\$46.4m
for further
expansions and
stages at **2** schools

\$69.9m
to buy land and
plan for new
schools and
expansions





More investment in upgrading and maintaining schools



\$226.7m

for upgrades and improvements to **25** schools



\$140m

for **SRP** maintenance, minor works and grounds funding



\$150m

for planned maintenance, accessible buildings upgrades and the **Capital Works Fund**



\$151.1m

to strengthen school cleaning and boost employment conditions for cleaners

