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Dear Daniel

This year, the Victorian Government has announced a \$4.1 billion education package, continuing its commitment to make Victoria the 'Education State'.

The 2019–20 State Budget provides \$1.8 billion to build new schools, upgrade existing schools, and buy land to ensure future educational demand can be met. Having modern and up-to-date classrooms and facilities in our schools is a fundamental part of ensuring that every child has the best possible education. We cannot build the 'Education State' without investing in our schools' bricks and mortar.

I am delighted to confirm that the Victorian Government has allocated \$800,000 in capital works funding to enable you to complete planning of your project. Planning now will allow your school to commence construction when further funding is provided in a future State Budget. The funding will contribute to planning the demolition of the old Admin and Home Economics Rooms and build brand new classrooms and facilities. Funding will also go towards upgrading the Science Block including general purpose classrooms.

You will need to work closely with the Victorian School Building Authority and the Department's Regional Office to ensure that you complete the school's Asset Management Plan (AMP) Phase 1 in preparation for consultation with the appointed architect.

The milestone dates of your mandatory Bricks & Mortar training session, AMP process and architect appointment are all outlined in the attached fact sheet, which also provides you with key contacts to support you as you commence your building project.

If you would like further information, you may contact Darren Clarke, Manager, Provision and Planning, SOUTH-EASTERN VICTORIA, Department of Education and Training, on 03 8765 5759 or by email: clarke.darren.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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