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## Media Release

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### **Sheed celebrates funding for new world class school**

Independent Member for the Shepparton District Suzanna Sheed today thanked Premier Daniel Andrews and Education Minister James Merlino for delivering on their promise to fund Greater Shepparton Secondary College's new state-of-the-art campus.

"It's still sinking in and I would like to thank the Premier and Minister for keeping their word and funding this fantastic new campus," Ms Sheed said.

"Both have visited our region numerous times, and both have sat down with parents, carers, students and teachers. By delivering this \$119 million – around \$20 million more than originally flagged I might add – together with \$21.5 million in last year's budget, they have demonstrated they understand the needs of our community, the need to super-charge state secondary education in our region to create better pathways and equality of outcomes for some of the most needy students in Victoria."

Launched in April 2017, the funding announcement forms another milestone in the Shepparton Education Plan, a decade long strategy to revolutionise state education in the Shepparton region.

"This plan is a very deliberate and methodical overhaul of state education in my electorate which targets every level of development, from early childhood through to Year 12 and beyond," Ms Sheed said.

"We all know why we needed this transformation. For decades, outcomes were not good enough and our state students were neglected for far too long.

"All of that is changing now. The Mooroopna Integrated Early Learning Centre is under construction. Greater Shepparton Secondary College is up and running and now its campus is under construction. The tertiary pathways are expanding. Soon state students in Shepparton will have the kind of opportunities once reserved for their metropolitan counterparts.

"This is a great time for the region and I sincerely thank everyone involved for their persistent advocacy and support."

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