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Geoff Howard MLA, Member for Ballarat East

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BOOST OF OVER \$1 MILLION FOR NEEDY NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS IN BALLARAT

Geoff Howard MP, State Member for Ballarat East, announced this morning that Damascus College was one of three Catholic and Independent Schools in Ballarat to share in the current round of State Government funding. Needy non-government schools will share in \$15 million in capital grants across Victoria to upgrade education facilities.

“This funding will enable needy Catholic and Independent schools to undertake capital works to not only improve education facilities and student outcomes, but to also enable greater community use of education and sporting facilities,” Mr Howard said.

Damascus College will receive \$350,000 towards the refurbishment of their performing Arts Centre.

Member for Ballarat West, Karen Overington also advised that St James School Sebastopol will receive \$350,000 and Ballarat Christian College will also receive \$350,000.

St James’ money will assist in the construction of an early learning centre, outdoor learning space and the installation of air conditioning. Christian College’s grant will go towards the construction of a Year 7 and 8 centre to create four general learning areas, staff work room and store room.

“A key part of this is to ensure that our school facilities are of the highest standard to meet the needs of all Victorian students into the future,” Mrs Overington said.

Across the state 35 needy Catholic schools will share \$10.4 million and 13 needy Independent schools will share \$3.6 million as part of the Brumby Labor Government’s \$30 million *Needs-Based Capital Funding for Non-Government Schools* initiative.

“The Brumby Labor government is continuing to deliver on our capital funding commitments to ensure Victorian students have access to contemporary learning environments and the best quality education to equip them with the skills they need to get 21st Century jobs.”

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