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**Referred by:** Coalition **Proposal No:** C1445  
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**Proposal Title:** Ambassador Schools Expansion  
**Cluster:** Education

### General Government Sector Impacts

	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	4 year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation					-
Less: Offsets					-
Revenue					-
<b>Net Operating Balance:</b>	-	-	-	-	-

Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Offsets					
<b>Net Capital Expenditure:</b>	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Net Lending/(Borrowing):</b>	-	-	-	-	-
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### Total State Sector Impacts

<b>Net Lending/(Borrowing):</b>	-	-	-	-	-
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### Notes and costing assumptions:

This policy commits to expanding the Ambassador School program from an existing 10 schools to 50 schools, starting from 2023-24.

The Ambassador Schools program identifies schools achieving exceptional academic success, so their methods can be studied and applied to other schools across the state.

The implementation of this policy is not expected to have any budget impact across the forward estimates.

The policy proposes a total funding envelope of \$5 million (\$1.25 million annually) across the four years 2023-24 to 2026-27. The policy assumes that the Department of Education (DoE) could absorb internally the annual \$1.25 million cost of expanding the program, which the PBO considers reasonable given the size of the overall Education budget.

**Notes and costing assumptions continued:**

**Key Assumptions and Caveats**

The policy proposes to expand the Ambassador School program by

1. Identifying an additional 20 Specialist Ambassador Schools – this will include some existing selective and specialist schools, as well as schools with strengths in priority areas.
2. Identifying 20 Teaching Ambassador Schools - these schools will partner with universities to deliver a one-year postgraduate qualification, to ensure graduates can access in-classroom experience in DoE's best schools

The PBO assumes that:

- there are no significant costs associated with the identification of 20 Specialist Ambassador Schools, item (1) above, and
- the annual \$1.25 million funding envelope that the policy proposes will be sufficient to support item (2)'s needs, and
- the associated annual budget savings of \$1.25 million to fund item (2) would not adversely affect DoE's delivery of its other outcomes.