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**Proposal** Labor's Capital Commitment to Other  
Schools (Upgrade various schools)

**Title: 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	-	5,594	11,388	18,081	35,063
Capital Offsets	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Capital Expenditure:</b>	-	5,594	11,388	18,081	35,063

<b>Net Lending/(Borrowing):</b>	-	(5,594)	(11,388)	(18,081)	(35,063)
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### Total State Sector Impacts

<b>Net Lending/(Borrowing):</b>	-	(5,594)	(11,388)	(18,081)	(35,063)
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### Notes and costing assumptions:

The policy proposes to provide \$49.7 million for the following upgrades:

- Replacing demountable classrooms with permanent classrooms in 7 metropolitan schools
- Installing new toilets and a softball playground in 1 metropolitan school
- Installing a new pergola in 1 regional school
- Installing new multipurpose halls in 2 metropolitan schools.

The list of schools is shown in Table 1 below.

The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) estimates the total cost of the policy to 2026-27 and later years will be \$49.6 million, with estimated capital expenditure over the forward estimates at \$35.1 million.

## Notes and costing assumptions continued:

*Table 1 – List of schools for upgrade*

<b>Upgrade Schools</b>
Kogarah Public School
Cammeray Public School
Northbridge Public School
Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High school
Northmead Public school
Cambridge Gardens Public School
Dapto High School
Sutherland Public school
Katoomba High School
Greenway Park Public school
Dalmeny Public school

### **Key assumptions**

The PBO has prepared this costing after consulting with the Department of Education (DoE) and on the basis of the following assumptions:

#### ***Permanent Classrooms:***

The Department of Education (DoE) advised:

- A Home Base Hub model offers a better value permanent solution than the construction of conventional classrooms
- The Home Base Hub consists of General Learning Spaces, a Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) and external circulations
- In some of the upgrades in this costing, the Home Base Hub model has allowed for the provision of an extra classroom space compared to the number of demountable classrooms being replaced
- Removal costs are included in this costing at \$18,000 per demountable.

The DoE notes the following assumptions and caveats:

- DoE has not inspected the school sites prior to providing costing advice
- No refurbishment, temporary works or staging is required
- Single storey standard hub layout
- A/C to be installed in all Teaching Spaces across the site
- No allowance for Photovoltaic cells and ESD requirements
- No allowance for carparks
- Allow 100 per cent of any excavated materials to be classified as General Solid Waste
- No external open play spaces and games courts proposed (other than COLA)
- Assume no geotechnical complications
- Assume flat sites
- Allow for minor landscaping to suit building layout
- Allowance for FFE and Active Equipment included the new buildings.

The PBO has deemed extra operating costs associated with the new classrooms at nil, on the assumption that ongoing maintenance and cleaning costs are comparable to those of demountables.

## Notes and costing assumptions continued:

### *New Pergola*

- The cost is based on that of a Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) for a small hub high school.
- Costings assume construction in the Sydney metropolitan area.

### *Multi-purpose hall*

- The cost is based on that of a hall for a medium high school and large primary school.

All costs exclude GST.

There are no current budget allocations over the forward estimates for these schools.

### **Risks**

The PBO has not included allowances for contingencies in this costing. DoE costing advice included approximately \$10 million for contingencies.