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Proposal Title: Labor Capital Commitment to NSW
Schools (Western Sydney)

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					-
Net Operating Balance:	-	-	-	-	-

Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Offsets					
Net Capital Expenditure:	-	-	-	-	-

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	-	-	-	-
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Total State Sector Impacts

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	-	-	-	-
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Notes and costing assumptions:

The policy proposes to spend \$340.9 million across the forward estimates from unallocated WestInvest funds to build or upgrade the following schools in Western Sydney:

- A primary school at the Carter Street precinct
- A new high school in Jordan Springs
- A new high school for Gledswood Hills and Gregory Hills
- A new high school in Leppington
- A new high school in Melrose Park
- A new high school for Schofields and Tallawong
- Upgrade to The Ponds High School
- Upgrade to Dundas Public School
- Upgrade to Kingswood Public School
- Make Eagle Vale High school a sports school

Notes and costing assumptions continued:

There will be additional capital expenditure beyond the forward estimates out to 2028-29 for some projects totalling approximately \$293 million. A cost profile and summary of the school projects are in Tables 1 and 2 below.

Table 1 – Policy cost profile

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	4-year total
Operational Expenses (\$'000)	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditures (\$'000)	-	185	148,518	192,177	340,880
Total (\$'000)	-	185	148,518	192,177	340,880

Table 2 – Summary of school projects

School	Project details	Notes
Building a primary school at the Carter Street precinct	A new medium hub school with pre-school. The primary school could be completed in early 2027 and the pre-school built during 2027-28. The primary school is for 550 students and the pre-school is for 120 students.	
A new high school in Jordan Springs	A new high school with a capacity for 1,000 students, with planning and construction to commence 1 July 2023, and for completion in 2026, ready for new students in the 2027 school year.	Includes land acquisition costs. Scarcity of land capable of being developed in the Jordan Springs area may make it difficult for construction to be completed by the 2027 school year.
A new high school for Gledswood Hills and Gregory Hills	A new high school for 1,000 students. Planning and construction to begin 1 July 2023 and finished in 2026, ready for the 2027 school year.	Includes land acquisition costs and includes contingency.
A new high school in Leppington	A new high school with a capacity for 1,000 students with planning and construction to commence 1 July 2023 for completion in the 2027 school year.	Includes land acquisition costs, but excludes contingency.
A new high school in Melrose Park	The new school will be a 550 student Primary School. Start date of the project is 1 July 2023 with the school to be ready by 2027 school year.	Includes land acquisition costs.
A new high school for Schofields and Tallawong	The new school will be a 1,000-student high School.	Includes land acquisition costs.
Upgrade to The Ponds High School	Replace 10 demountables based on Department of Education (DoE) advice.	
Upgrade to Dundas Public School	Dundas Public School has 6 demountables. The funding would be used to replace these with permanent classrooms. The funding will deliver 5 new classrooms.	
Upgrade to Kingswood Public School	Fixed amount for upgrades to the school.	
Make Eagle Vale High school a sports school	New sports infrastructure included in the cost: A new multipurpose hall, outdoor synthetic all weather futsal pitch and lighting, sports oval improvements and change room upgrades. Also includes funding towards capital upgrades and a new senior executive (Deputy Principal) starting in 2025-26 at an estimated cost in annual salary of approximately (\$160,000) and on-costs (\$40,000) in 2025-26.	The policy assumes that an additional senior executive will be hired in 2025-26, paid at Deputy Principal level. Further, coaching positions will be filled by permanent teachers already employed within the school and by externally appointed coaches who will be funded from participant levies and school funds.