



# Martin Pakula MP

## State Member for Keysborough

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### GETTING THINGS DONE FOR KEYSBOROUGH

The *Victorian Budget 2018/19* delivers opportunities for new skills, good jobs, more schools and better roads for every Victorian.

Families in Keysborough will soon have a new primary school close to home, with **\$18.9 million** in the State Budget to build the **new Keysborough South Primary School**, opening in 2020.

The Victorian Budget invests nearly \$1.3 billion in schools around the State, which includes building and planning 28 new schools, and upgrading 130 existing schools.

Cost should never stop someone from learning new skills, which is why this year's Budget includes **\$172 million to make priority TAFE courses free**, giving more Keysborough residents the chance to train at TAFE and get the right skills they need for a good job. 30 priority TAFE courses and 18 pre-apprenticeship courses will be made free, while more than 30,000 new TAFE places will be funded across the State.

Victorians will be able to get home sooner with more services, better stations and improved public transport routes. This year's Budget continues the Labor Government's overhaul of Victoria's public transport system – delivering safer, more frequent, accessible travel options now, and planning for the growing needs of our suburbs. This includes **additional train services between Dandenong and the city from 7pm to 10pm**.

Commuters will find it easier to get a parking spot at **Sandown Park train station**, which will be **upgraded to seal parking spaces** as part of a \$60 million Budget boost.

We're building better roads and upgrading the local roads people use every day to get Victorians out of traffic and home to their families sooner. The Budget includes \$4.3 billion investment in better roads around the State, including **\$50,000 to investigate converting the Heatherton Road/Lightwood Road/Douglas Street intersection to traffic signals in Noble Park**.

People in Melbourne's south-east will get home faster and spend less time stuck in traffic with **an extra \$75 million to upgrade the Mordialloc Bypass to a four-lane freeway**, removing a further three sets of traffic lights from the current design.

We are also investing **\$21.8 million across the neighbourhood house network** so that more families can access the activities and services they need and want, closer to home. This includes the biggest ever funding boost to neighbourhood house coordination hours. **Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre** is eligible for 5 additional hours funding per week through the Neighbourhood House Coordination Program.

This is a Labor Budget that delivers on the things that matter most to our State and local communities. This is a Budget that gets things done.

#### Quotes attributable to Member for Keysborough Martin Pakula

*"Our communities in Keysborough, Noble Park, Springvale, Springvale South, Dingley Village and Waterways deserve great local services – that's why we're investing in the things that matter most."*

*"These newly funded projects will help meet our growing needs, with a new school, improved transport options and better roads."*

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