2016-17 STATE BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT
The Victorian Government has now committed $20 million to build a new secondary school in Beaumaris. This funding will allow for the continued planning and delivery of a new secondary school that will be built initially for 650 students with scope to expand to 1100 to meet future growth. The school will open in Term 1, 2018.

VICTORIAN SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY
Beaumaris Secondary College is being delivered by the Victorian School Building Authority. The Authority is an exciting new infrastructure body that builds on the existing infrastructure planning and delivery strengths of the Department of Education and Training. The Authority has a stronger dedicated focus on project planning, delivery and community engagement; increased reporting to Government with stronger asset policy integration; and provides a major uplift in state-wide and local communications.

EDUCATION SPECIFICATION COMPLETED
The New School Planning Group was tasked with developing an Education Specification for the Beaumaris Secondary College. The Education Specification has now been completed and articulates the school community’s learning vision. The Education Specification takes into consideration the schools locality and existing school network to explore the likely needs of students in the area and the potential opportunities afforded to them for unique learning opportunities. The potential for strong links between the environment, science, physiology and technology was identified. The document will continue to advise the design as it progresses.

MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB PARTNERSHIP
The Authority and the MCC continue to negotiate a potential partnership to collocate world class sporting facilities with Beaumaris Secondary School. The MCC are considering contributing 2 ovals and a multipurpose pitch to the development which will be a great asset for the school to utilise.

PLANNING AND DESIGN UPDATE
The architects, Clarke Hopkins Clarke, have made significant progress on the design for the new school. The plans at this stage are showing a 3 level school to be built near the corner of Reserve and Balcombe Roads, very close to the site of the current campus. The design features outdoor learning on all floors, a competition grade indoor gymnasium, and state of the art specialist and general learning spaces, attuned to modern teaching practices. The Authority will release detailed designs to the public in the coming months.

TIMEFRAMES
The school will open Term 1, 2018. Demolition of the existing buildings will commence late July 2016, with construction to begin early in the New Year.

COMMUNITY ACCESS
Community access to the site will continue uninterrupted until demolition work commences. Due to health and safety precautions, access will not be available during the demolition and construction phases. The Authority is working closely with the Beaumaris Farmers Market and the last market to be held on the current site in 2016 will confirmed in the coming weeks. Sports clubs that operate on the site will be transferring to alternative locations. The City of Bayside are working with the clubs to ensure that club operations are not negatively impacted.

HOW DO I RECEIVE FURTHER UPDATES?
Visit the website for the latest project information. We will continue to contact you with the latest updates via email. www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au.

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