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# FUNDING FOR NORTH KELLYVILLE AND SAMUEL GILBERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Thousands of local families are set to benefit from the NSW Government's record investment in education, with additional funding for Stage 2 of North Kellyville's new primary school and a major upgrade to Samuel Gilbert Public School.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams said these projects were needed to meet the needs of local students. He said "I am thrilled the NSW Government has listened to us about the needs of our current and future residents".

Today's announced expansion to Samuel Gilbert Public School will enable more students to be accommodated at the school in brand new permanent teaching spaces and upgraded core facilities.

Funding also has been allocated this year for stage 2 of the new primary school at North Kellyville. The school is currently in design and will have capacity for up to 1,000 students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Stage 1 of the new school, which will accommodate up to 500 students, is expected to open in 2019, with Stage 2 expected to be complete by 2020.

The upgrade of Samuel Gilbert Public School is part of the NSW Government's record commitment to education across the state, which will see a record \$4.2 billion invested into new and existing school projects over the next four years, including \$2.2 billion worth of new projects commencing in the next two years.

"The new school at North Kellyville and the expansion of Samuel Gilbert Public School will help provide school facilities our community needs and deserves," Mr Williams said.

"I'm pleased the NSW Government heard us is delivering this much-needed local infrastructure to support our growing community."

Education Minister Rob Stokes said NSW public schools are expected to enrol an additional 164,000 students by 2031, and these school projects will provide great new or upgraded learning environments for the growing student population.

"These projects will ensure students and staff have the resources they need to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century," Mr Stokes said.



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"The NSW Government is working hard to provide high-quality education facilities for students and local communities now and into the future."

Early planning and consultation will begin in the coming months on the scope of works for the upgrade at Samuel Gilbert Public School. Funding totals for both projects will be confirmed after the tender process for works has been completed.

More details can be found on the new School Infrastructure NSW website also being launched today at: <a href="mailto:schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au">schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au</a>

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