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RECORD TEACHER NUMBERS FOR CASTLE HILL

Schools in Castle Hill will benefit from a major teacher recruitment drive under the NSW Liberals & Nationals.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said the NSW Government will hire an additional 4600 teachers to join the ranks of the public school system over the next four years – delivering the highest number of teachers in the State's history.

"I'm thrilled that we are continuing to grow Castle Hill's world-class teacher workforce," Mr Williams said.

"It is so important to invest in our teachers so they can continue to equip our students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in the jobs of the future."

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said the \$2 billion commitment will take the total number of full-time positions funded by the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government to nearly 11,000 new teachers since coming to Government.

"By comparison, Labor hired just over 1000 new teachers in their last five years in office. They closed more than 90 schools, with a secret plan to close 100 more and axe 7500 teachers," Ms Berejiklian said.

"We are investing record amounts into NSW schools and teachers, which has only been made possible due to the strong economic position created by the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government."

Education Minister Rob Stokes said the extra teachers would help staff the 170-plus new and upgraded schools being delivered as part of the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government's record \$6 billion investment in school infrastructure.

"We have some of the best teachers in the world who have the incredibly rewarding career of shaping the lives of the next generation," Mr Stokes said.

"It is my priority to ensure NSW continues to have the best schools and best teachers in the country."

Last year, the NSW Government committed an additional \$6.4 billion for public schools to 2027 as part of the Gonski deal with the Commonwealth, bringing the State's total investment to \$148 billion for government and non-government schools.

NSW was also the only State to provide extra money to public schools to complement the Commonwealth's \$1.2 billion Choice and Affordability Fund.

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