

Media Release

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JERRABOMBERRA WINS IN MONARO'S BIGGEST EVER EDUCATION SPEND

The NSW Government will build high schools at Jerrabomberra and Bungendore, signalling the largest capital investment in school infrastructure across the Monaro.

Today's historic announcement made by the Member for Monaro John Barilaro, means families can finally keep their kids' entire education local.

"For many years students have had to cross the border to attend high school. That ends today. Our kids deserve the opportunity to start and finish their schooling in Jerrabomberra and now they will," Mr Barilaro said.

Mr Barilaro has campaigned fiercely to build a public high school at Jerrabomberra since 2011, but the previous lack of land has meant the commitment has not been fulfilled.

"As a parent and Jerrabomberra resident, I know how important it is to have access to quality education that is close by.

"Having a high school in Jerrabomberra means students will be able to spend their mornings with their families rather than on a school bus, and be able to enjoy their afternoons with time to play sport, learn an instrument, or just be a kid."

The site for the high school has been unlocked, with Mr Barilaro today announcing \$23 million for an access road to the high school site, the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Sporting Complex and the South Jerrabomberra business precinct.

Today's announcement comes on the back of other significant education investments in Queanbeyan including a new distance education facility at Queanbeyan High School, a School for Specific Purpose, and major upgrades at Queanbeyan High School, Karabar High School and Queanbeyan East Public School.

"Our students will always come first," said Mr Barilaro.

"If we want our kids to excel in their education we must provide them with the necessary teaching and learning environments to do so.

"Only the NSW Liberals and Nationals Government will deliver a high school at Jerrabomberra."

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