



More autism-inclusive places in our schools

South
Australian
Labor

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Future

Foreword

A quality education is important in making sure young people have the best start in life.

It's just as important to make sure no young person is left behind.

That's why over our four years in government we have led the nation in planning for the autistic and autism communities

We have appointed the first Minister for Autism, funded an autism inclusion teacher in every public primary school, delivered the first Autism Strategy, developed programs to highlight employment opportunities for the autism and autistic community and trained over 6,000 employees to build knowledge.

We are committed to making sure young people have what is required to feel safe and supported while at school – but also investing in the built environment like sensory spaces at Adelaide Oval and the very popular sensory bus.

Now we are moving beyond knowledge – a re-elected Malinauskas Labor Government will invest \$10 million in new and upgraded inclusive education facilities.

This forms part of our commitment to \$210 million in new funding towards our \$500 million school infrastructure investment program.

We will invest in the environments students are learning in, while also strengthening the knowledge we give Autism Inclusion Teachers – with a clear focus on changing the environment so students can focus on learning.

This builds on our nation leading work with universities and TAFE to embed autism learning into teaching and early childhood education qualifications, ensuring educators have the right knowledge before they even step into the classroom.



Peter Malinauskas MP
Premier for South Australia



Labor's plan for more inclusive school facilities:

1

Invest \$10 million toward inclusive facility upgrades in public schools

2

Build more inclusive classrooms, regulation sensory spaces and playground spaces

3

Ensure that new or major upgrades at schools and preschools feature inclusive facilities such as sensory spaces

\$10 million for autism-inclusive public school facilities

We know investing in the early years can set a child up for life.

It's a time when young people are learning how to regulate their emotions.

School environments have a significant impact on engagement and wellbeing of autistic learners. Autism Inclusion Teachers in primary schools have reported that the school environment itself often acts as a barrier for autistic students – it's the environment around that can be disabling.

That's why we will invest \$10 million to upgrade learning, sensory spaces in schools around the state – creating safer, calmer and more supportive environments for students to learn and thrive in.

A re-elected Malinauskas Labor Government will invest this funding toward inclusive classroom spaces, regulation sensory spaces and inclusive playground spaces in public schools across South Australia.

These new spaces will provide safer, calmer and more supportive environments for all students to learn and thrive in.

Schools have been selected on the basis of need and the number of enrolled autistic students.

The following schools will receive investment:

Errington Special School

Modbury Special School

Bowden-Brompton Community School

Munno Para Primary School

Elizabeth Park Primary School

McLaren Vale Primary School

John Hartley School

Blakeview Primary School

Northfield Primary School

Oceanview College

Moana Primary School

Willunga Primary School

Elizabeth North Primary School

Braeview School

Oakbank School

Victor Harbor Primary School

Kapunda Primary School

Berri Primary School

Moonta Area School

Bordertown Primary School



We are also committed to future-proofing our education system.

That's why a re-elected Malinauskas Labor Government will also ensure that new or significant upgrades at schools and preschools are designed with inclusive facilities in mind, so that we have the best spaces for all children to learn in.

This will lead to more inclusive public schools and better outcomes for autistic students.



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RECORD INVESTMENTS IN AUTISM PROJECTS



**Appointed the first
Minister for Autism**

**Created the first
Office for Autism**



**Delivered the
state's first
Autism Strategy**

**Hosted the 'Autism
Works Employment
Summit'**

**Invested and
delivered over \$50m
in new policies**

**\$28.8 million
for Autism
Inclusion Teachers
in every public
primary school**



**Created the
'Autism Works'
campaign shining
light on autism
employment**

**Created the “Autism Works in the
Community” grants program**

**\$14 million in
early supports for
families through
the nation
leading Inklings
Pilot Program**



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