MORE SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS SEEKING WORK PLACEMENTS

A new website will provide information about Structured Workplace Learning placements, helping Victorian students find work opportunities.

Minister for Education James Merlino today launched the new Structured Workplace Learning portal that will provide vital support to students, helping them take the first step towards their future careers.

At an event at Mooroolbark College today, Mr Merlino said the new funding will help around 7500 students prepare for work each year.

The Victorian Budget 2016/17 provides $17.85 million in funding over the next four years, after which the program will receive ongoing funding of $5.1 million a year.

As well as the new website, the funding will provide locally based, third-party facilitators to help students find appropriate placements.

Mooroolbark College received a funding boost earlier this year when it received $476,496 in equity funding, up from nothing last year.

The Budget also provides $2.4 million for modernisation works at nearby Mooroolbark East primary School.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

“For the second straight year the Andrews Labor Government has delivered a record investment in our schools. This includes $1.1bn for school infrastructure, another important step towards building the Education State.”

“Part of making Victoria the Education State is helping young people get ready for work and that is why we are revamping the workplace placement program so it better supports around 7,500 students a year.”

“This new website means schools and students can get information about potential work placements whenever they need it.”