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New public high school for fast-growing eastern suburbs

The Marshall Liberal Government will invest \$84.4 million to build a new public high school in Rostrevor to meet growing demand for government schooling in the eastern suburbs of Adelaide.

The school will be built on the site of the soon-to-be vacated Norwood Morialta High School Middle School campus and will cater to 1200 students from year 7 to 12.

The site's ageing buildings will be completely removed and replaced with contemporary learning facilities. The existing oval and soccer pitch will be retained.

Minister for Education John Gardner said the creation of a new public high school in Rostrevor is fantastic news for local families.

"In recent years we have seen significant growth in enrolment demand across metropolitan Adelaide and, in particular, the eastern suburbs," said Minister Gardner.

"Even with the significant expansion of the Norwood Morialta Parade campus, and other building works at other schools, growing demand means we need to create more capacity in our public schooling system.

"The new school, located on fit-for-purpose land the department already owns, will help meet future demand in the area and relieve enrolment pressure across the inner east.

"This new investment of \$84.4m sits over and above the record \$1.3bn committed by the Marshall Liberal Government to improve public education facilities and build new schools.

"The modern year 7 to 12 school will be a welcome new addition for many families in Rostrevor and the surrounding areas."

Education Department modelling shows that without the new facility secondary schools in the eastern suburbs would reach 105% capacity by 2023, climbing to 132% capacity in 2036.

This expenditure would support around 130 FTE jobs on average, over the 3 years of the construction period.

The new Rostrevor school is in addition to four new South Australian public schools opening next year at Aldinga, Angle Vale, Goolwa and Whyalla.

The new school at Rostrevor will be ready to accept year 7 students in 2023, with a wider intake scheduled from 2024.