

Premier Denis Napthine announces \$8m for Brighton Secondary College to complete masterplan

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Premier Denis Napthine at Brighton Secondary College today. Picture: Stuart Milligan Source: News Corp Australia

BRIGHTON Secondary College will receive \$8 million to complete its masterplan for the school.

Premier Denis Napthine made the funding announcement at the college this afternoon in front of an accounting class.

Mr Napthine told students and teachers the \$8 million would be included in the Government's May Budget.

"The masterplan has been a long-held dream," he said.

Mr Napthine said the money would go towards the construction of new classrooms, home economics, music and special needs facilities.



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The Premier told the accounting students to "look out for the \$8 million in the upcoming budget ... which will be in surplus", he said.

Brighton Secondary College acting principal Pat Gargano said the money was a good start.

"Those rooms need quite a bit of improvement," Mr Gargano said.

He said construction would start some time next year after a feasibility plan was finished.

College Council president David Marshall said the money was welcomed.

"It is fantastic for the school, the students and staff. It is for all the kids in the primary schools in this area, those students are going to reap the benefits," Mr Marshall said.

"It's been a long time coming. I am rapt," he said.

The announcement comes after Brighton Secondary College <u>unveiled a \$6.5 million science</u>, <u>arts and technology</u> complex on March 19.

The da Vinci Centre was built with \$5 million in State Government money following a 2010 Bayside Leader and school community campaign for funding, with the remaining \$1.5 million raised by the school community.