



## MEDIA RELEASE

### **New Brighton High School**

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Brighton is one of the fastest growing areas in Tasmania, and with over 600 students from the Brighton and Southern Midlands areas, Brighton Primary School is one of the largest primary schools in the State.

That is why a re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will build a new Year 7-12 High School, on a site close to the well-established primary school.

As part of our Job Ready Generation 2.0 policy, the new \$30 million purpose-built Brighton High School will include state of the art learning areas to cater specifically for Year 11 and 12 students.

Our Year 11 and 12 high school extension program is a success because it helps remove barriers such as travel and cost. The local community has made it clear they need and want a High School, and today's announcement is a great

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outcome for students and their families who have had to leave their home area to complete their high school education.

A new school at Brighton will also alleviate congestion pressure on the Midland Highway by supporting more students to study in Brighton rather than travelling out of area.

Only a re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will ensure every student in the Brighton and Southern Midlands areas has the opportunity to access Years 11 and 12 in their own community, and if re-elected we will start planning immediately with a view to beginning the build before the end of the 2020/21 financial year.

Our extension schools are working – these are the facts:

- The retention rate has risen to 73.4 per cent, up more than six per cent compared to 2012;
- The Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE) achievement rate is now at 56.4 per cent, up by almost 10 per cent since Labor and the Greens were in Government;
- Enrolments at extension schools have also continued to rise, with 533 students enrolled in extension schools in 2017- a 58.3 per cent increase in enrolments in the first 12 schools to extend since 2014.

To be clear, this new build to Year 12 will only happen under a re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government. If a Labor-Green minority Government is elected, they will halt our Year 11-12 extension and infrastructure upgrades and will try to close schools, or backflip just like they did with their Sorell K-12 High School.

There is no doubt that Tasmania's education system has changed for the better but there is more work to be done, which is why we have a target to increase the retention rate of Year 10-12 students to at or above the national average by

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2022, and to have 75 per cent of students complete their TCE by 2022.

For the policy go to: <http://bit.ly/BrightonHighSchool>

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