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\$20M FOR OFFICER SECONDARY COLLEGE

The Victorian Liberal Nationals Coalition has committed \$20 million to build a new secondary college in the heart of Melbourne's south-east growth corridor in the first term of government.

Visiting Officer today, Coalition Leader Ted Baillieu discussed with parents the Coalition's plan to enable land to be purchased, planning to be completed and classrooms to be built for a new Year 7-12 secondary school for families in Berwick, Beaconsfield, Officer and Pakenham.

While John Brumby reaps millions in stamp duty from families seeking new homes in Officer, Beaconsfield, Berwick and Pakenham, he has not listened to the community's demands for a new secondary school.

Existing public and private secondary colleges have done a great job accommodating new students, but it is clear that a new college is needed.

The Coalition understands the urgency to build now to help families in this corridor.

We will do what John Brumby and Tammy Lobato have failed to do and fund this school to expand the local education network.

Parents in these rapidly growing communities need certainty and today we give them the confidence that their children will be able to complete their education locally.

Mr Baillieu was joined at Officer by Member for Bass Ken Smith, Member for Eastern Victoria Edward O'Dohonue and Liberal candidate for Gembrook Brad Battin.

A Coalition Government will fund and build this school to help local families and the community keep pace with demand.

Government primary schools have grown incredibly but there has been a limited choice of secondary schools in the government sector for children to attend once they leave their primary school.