PRESS STATEMENT

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COMMONWEALTH ASSISTANCE IN THE PROVISION OF SCIENCE FACILITIES IN VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Malcolm Fraser, Minister for Education and Science and Federal Member for Wannon, announced today that he had authorised final payment to Victoria of the unmatched grants available for the provision of science teaching facilities in government schools under the States Grants (Science Laboratories) Act 1965-1967. The total amount paid to the state of Victoria for government schools since the scheme commenced in 1964 is $8,180,800. During the same period Victorian independent schools are receiving grants totalling $3,393,000.

At 100 Victorian government schools science laboratories have been or are being built with Commonwealth funds or a combination of Commonwealth and State funds. The estimated Commonwealth grants for these buildings is $6 million. In addition, the State had used, up to 30 December 1967, some $2 million of the Commonwealth grants for the purchase of science teaching apparatus additional to that provided with State funds. As a result of the distribution of this apparatus by the State Education Department, every Victorian Government school which teaches secondary science has received some additional apparatus as a result of the Commonwealth grants.

The 100 Victorian government schools, as selected by the State, at which laboratories have been or are being built under the science facilities scheme are listed in the attachment to this statement. The Minister stated that in relation to independent schools he would make available shortly a list giving details of all schools selected by the State Advisory Committees for assistance within the scheme together with the amount of grants to particular schools in each of the four years to 30 June, 1968.

The Government has already announced its intention of proposing to Parliament that the program be continued for a further three years from 1 July 1968. During that extension, Government secondary schools in Victoria will receive $6,123,000 and Victorian independent secondary schools will receive $4,514,100.
STATES GRANTS (SCIENCE LABORATORIES) ACT 1965-1967

Victorian State Schools, as selected by the State, which have been or are being provided with laboratories built with Commonwealth funds, or with a combination of Commonwealth and State funds.

Altona North Technical School
Ararat High School
Ashwood High School
Ashworth High School
Aspendale Technical School
Ballarat High School
Ballarat East High School
Ballarat West High School
Balwyn High School
Ball Park High School
Belmont High School
Benalla High School
Bendigo Girls' Secondary School
Bendigo High School
Bentleigh High School
Blackburn High School
Bonbeach High School
Booragoon Girls Technical School
Box Hill High School
Brighton High School
Cobram High School
Colac High School
Collingwood Girls Secondary School
Corio Technical School
Corryong High School
Croydon High School
Dandenong Girls Secondary School
Dandenong High School
Donvale High School
Echuca High School
Elgin High School
Elwood High School
Footscray High School
Frankston High School
Geelong High School
Geelong North High School
Glengarry High School
Glenroy Technical School
Glen Waverly High School
Hamilton High School
Hampton High School
Heather Hill High School
Heidelberg Girls Secondary School
Heidelberg Technical School
Highton High School
Horeham High School
Hornam Technical School
Huntingdale High School
Karingal High School
Kerang High School
Leongatha High School
McKinnon High School
Macleod High School
Maribyrnong High School
Maryborough High School
Maryvale High School
Montone Girls' High School
Mildura High School
Mildura Technical School
Mitcham High School
Monash High School
Moorleigh High School
Mordialloc-Chelsea High School
Moreland High School
Mornington High School
Morwell High School
Murrumbeena High School
Niddrie High School
Nunawading High School
Oakleigh High School
Oak Park High School
Pakenham Girls' Secondary School
Preston East Technical School
Preston Girls High School
Queenscliff High School
Reservoir High School
Richmond High School
Rosebud High School
Bushbury High School
St. Albans' High School
Sebastopol Technical School
Seymour High School
Shepparton Technical School
Stawell High School
Strathmore High School
Sunbury High School
Swan Hill High School
Swifts Creek Higher Elementary School
Toorak Technical School
Traralgon High School
University High School
Upfield High School
Upwey High School
Wangaratta High School
Watsonia Technical School
Waverley High School
Williamstown High School
Yallourn High School