Education Minister opens Fitzroy community school's new Thornbury campus

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Minister for Education Martin Dixon today officially opened the new Thornbury Campus of Fitzroy Community School.

The new campus, in Normanby Avenue, will allow the independent primary school to increase enrolments – starting with 10 students in 2014 and building up to 60 over the coming years – while continuing to offer an intimate, high-quality educational experience.

"Fitzroy Community School makes a significant contribution to providing educational choice and a high-quality educational experience to Victorian families," Mr Dixon said.

"As a former school principal, I have long been impressed by the school's history of fostering excellent personal and educational outcomes for young people."

Fitzroy Community School offers a broad, contemporary curriculum and places an emphasis on confidence and effective communication skills.

Mr Dixon said the Victorian Coalition Government was committed to creating and strengthening a diverse education system.

"We educate more than 890,600 students in 2,200 schools in Victoria, meaning families are provided with a wide range of schooling options, including mainstream schools, select entry schools, alternative settings, special schools for children with special learning needs, and distance education," Mr Dixon said. "As a former school principal, I am personally and professionally encouraged by schools, like Fitzroy Community School, that listen to the needs of their specific community and can adapt to provide the best possible educational opportunities for students," Mr Dixon said.

Member for Northern Metropolitan Region Craig Ondarchie said Fitzroy Community School is providing impressive educational opportunities for its students.

"The Coalition Government aims to ensure that all Victorian students have access to a world-class education, irrespective of where they live or where they go to school," Mr Ondarchie said.

"Through our *Victoria as a Learning Community* reform agenda, we are delivering high quality educational opportunities to school communities across Victoria," Mr Dixon said.