

# VSBA INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS FUND

Since 2015, the Inclusive Schools Fund has supported small innovative building projects that make a big difference to meeting the educational and social needs of children and young people with disabilities and additional needs.

Rounds 1 through 4 of the **Inclusive Schools Fund** have benefitted:



**176** schools



**6,800+** students  
with a disability or  
additional needs



**38,000+** students  
from the overall  
school community

From the 120 schools that responded to our survey, we heard:

**97.5%** of schools say their funded project promotes **inclusive and innovative practices** that better support children with disabilities or additional needs

**93.3%** of schools say their funded project helps ensure students with disabilities or additional needs are **supported to participate** in education on the same basis as their peers

**95.8%** of schools say their funded project helps them **acknowledge and respond to the diverse needs**, identities and strengths of all students

**90%** of schools say their funded project helps them ensure that students with disabilities or additional needs are **involved in making** decisions about their education and treated on the same basis as their peers

**85%** of schools say their funded project has helped foster **positive cultural change** in attitudes and beliefs about disability and additional needs, in and beyond the school environment

**95.8%** of schools say their funded project contributes to **positive learning, engagement and wellbeing outcomes** for students

*"This was a fantastic support to our school community in developing spaces to allow for greater inclusive practices to occur."*  
– Shepparton East Primary School

*"The Inclusive Schools Fund provided a once in a lifetime opportunity for our school community, students and staff, as well as students from other schools. Our students benefit every day from the Seven Senses Inclusive Playspace funded by this grant."*  
– Nepean School

*"These funds have significantly improved the inclusion of our students and we couldn't be happier with the results and the improvements to indoor and outdoor learning spaces."*  
– Bright P12 College