

Welcome to the Budget Edition of my Newsletter!

I hope you're staying warm this winter.

I'm excited to share key updates from the 2025-26 State Budget, which is focused on supporting families through cost-of-living relief, investing in housing, health, education, and strengthening our police presence.

As inflation eases and interest rates continue to decline, the Malinauskas Labor Government remains committed to delivering targeted relief to families, students, and businesses most in need, to help you manage everyday expenses and plan for the future.

This Budget marks a record investment in critical areas such as housing, healthcare, education, and community safety. We're building more public and affordable homes, expanding hospital services, accelerating early childhood education programs, and increasing police presence in our communities.

These initiatives are designed to make our community safer and better, whilst helping lay the foundations for long-term prosperity.

Please feel free to contact my office, if I can assist you with anything, or pop by one of my community catch-ups.

OUT AND ABOUT | Our Community





Community catch-ups in Northfield, Gepps Cross, Enfield, Blair Athol, Broadview and Prospect

Opening of the Roma Mitchel Secondary College Sports Academy gym





Colour Fun Run at St Gabriel's School

Opening and Blessing ceremony of the new Jubilee Memorial Centre at St Gabriel's School





OLSH College Career Mentor Breakfast

SUPPORTING LOCAL

ANZAC DAY AT ENFIELD RSL

It was an honour to attend the Anzac Day Dawn service at the Enfield RSI.

Anzac Day is more than a day of commemoration, it is a chance for us to reflect on the resilience, courage and sacrifice that the ANZACs embodied.



Our local RSL and community members put a lot of time into preserving the memories and the values of our fallen, and it's a privilege to stand with our community members and support their work.

I would like to thank the RSL President, Mr Daniel Stanbrook and all the volunteers for their efforts.

ELECTION COMMITMENT - DELIVERED



As part of my election commitment, I was pleased to visit the Blair Athol Reserve and check out the upgrade works completed by the Kilburn Football and Cricket Club.



The club has upgraded its female toilet facility, refurbished the hall and bar area, installed a new digital scoreboard, and buy new furniture for the members area.

This space will be well-utilised by our community for many years to come.

ST PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

A BEACON OF CHRIST-CENTRED, PLAY-BASED LEARNING IN BLAIR ATHOL



St Paul Lutheran School in Blair Athol continues to lead with heart and innovation, offering a Christ-centred education that nurtures the whole child. With over 50 years of service, the school is known for its warm community, dedicated staff, and future-focused approach to learning.

At the heart of St Paul's early years program is a strong commitment to play and inquiry-based learning. This approach empowers children to explore, question, and discover through hands-on experiences that spark curiosity and creativity. Whether building in the nature play space, engaging in collaborative projects, or investigating real-world problems, children develop critical thinking, communication, and resilience from the very start of their learning journey.

As a Lutheran school, St Paul is deeply committed to being an expert in primary school and providing the best possible education for every child.

Grounded in Christian values, the school fosters a culture of care, respect, and excellence, where each student is known, valued, and supported to thrive academically, socially, and spiritually.

2025 - 26 STATE BUDGET OVERVIEW



\$10 FOR 28-DAY STUDENT PASS AND MORE

South Australian families will be better off, with this Budget providing a further \$118.3 million in cost of living relief.

Over the last four Budgets, the Government has invested almost \$1 billion in cost of living relief to support South Australians.

Cost of living relief in this Budget includes:

- \$96 million to continue the \$200 per student government school material and services charge reduction for the next four years. This measure provides annual support to the parents of 120,000 children in government schools.
- \$20.7 million over four years to reduce the metroCARD student 28-day pass to just \$10 per month, a saving of \$18.60.

This means a student catching the bus or train to and from school each day will pay just 25 cents a trip and will save families up to \$242 per year, per child.



These two initiatives mean a family with two schoolaged children catching public transport could save up to \$884 in 2025-26.



HOUSING

RENT-TO-BUY AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE

The Government is committed to moving renters off the rental roundabout and into home ownership and has introduced the rent-to-buy scheme.



Eligible South Australians can rent a home at a discounted 75 per cent of market rent for up to 3 years after which they can buy that home at a locked-in price.

The rent-to-buy affordable housing initiative will transition the sale of 100 properties under construction as part of the Affordable Housing Initiative to the rent-to-buy scheme.

HEALTH

The Malinauskas Labor Government continues to make significant investments in South Australia's health system with a further \$1.9 billion over five years to support increased activity in our hospitals and across our health system.

The funding includes new investment of approximately \$117 million over five years to support our mental health services meet growing demand and costs.



ADDITIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SECURITY

\$9.6 million will be invested over four years to improve safety and security on the bus network through a targeted program, including upgrades to CCTV systems at key interchanges and stations, SMART devices to improve bus driver safety, and increasing the number of transit compliance officers able to rapidly respond to incidents and provide a visible presence across the network.

EDUCATION

The Budget accelerates the roll-out of the Malinauskas Labor Government's universal 3-year-old preschool.

This will see additional funding of \$27.7 million over four years to fast track 3-year-old preschool in long day care centres. This is estimated to deliver approximately 2000 additional long day care enrolments from 2026 compared to current budget expectations.

New education funding initiatives in the 2025-26 State Budget includes:

- \$70 million for the construction of a new northern suburbs preschool and primary school.
- \$40 million over four years for government school upgrades.
- Extending the low interest School Loans Scheme to not for profit early childhood education and care providers with \$171 million available for loans of up to 15 years.

Pivotal to the Government's commitment to providing a better education for our children is the \$1.25 billion commitment between the Albanese and Malinauskas Governments with the Better and Fairer Schools Gonski Agreement signed earlier this year.



IMPROVING COMMUNITY SAFETY

MORE FUNDING TO BOOST POLICE PRESENCE



The Malinauskas Labor Government will invest \$17.8 million in the State Budget to double the number of motorcycle officers, adding 33 sworn police. The new officers will help improve road safety, emergency response, and critical incident management, including police escorts.

Their mobility allows quick responses to crashes, traffic control, and protests. Motorcycle officers are vital for law enforcement due to their agility and ability to navigate traffic swiftly. Recruitment will commence soon to boost police capacity and improve public safety across our community. This significant investment over four years will enable SA Police to expand their presence across our suburbs.

ENFIELD SES OPEN DAY

Enfield State Emergency Service hosted an Open Day on 10th of May and also celebrated their 60th anniversary of protecting our community.

The Unit was established in the 1960s as part of Australia's Civil Defence efforts during the Cold War, with a focus on helping communities prepare for both natural

disasters and potential wartime emergencies.

Over the years, it's evolved into a dedicated team of skilled volunteers who respond to storms, blackouts and other emergencies, always working to keep the community safe and supported.

A huge thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who continue to keep our community safe.