



**Greg Aplin MP**  
Member for Albury

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **“LIGHTS, CAMERA... ALBURY” BLOCKBUSTER PLANS FOR JAMES FALLON HIGH**

Education Minister Rob Stokes has announced the ‘show will go on’ at James Fallon High, with news the school will now get the multipurpose hall it’s been waiting for.

Following an original proposal to build a stock standard school hall in June, the NSW Government has now decided to construct something more purposeful, thanks to passionate campaigning from the Member for Albury Greg Aplin.

“Albury not only needs a first class school facility, but one that can also accommodate the city’s diverse artistic and cultural pursuits,” Mr Aplin said.

Speaking at James Fallon High School, Minister Stokes said the next step is the design phase, which will include consultation with the school community and Albury Council to ensure the creation of an arts, drama, and musical venue that can be shared by the school and the broader community.

“This will not only benefit the students of James Fallon High, but will be a great new performing arts facility that students from schools across the region can use, along with local community performance groups,” Mr Stokes said.

Minister Stokes pointed to the merit of shared use agreements saying the Department is currently in negotiations for at least 16 more joint use deals with other NSW councils.

In May, Minister Stokes announced an agreement between Denistone East Public School and the Royal Life Saving Society of Australia (RLSSA) to develop an indoor aquatic centre on school land with the school paying no upfront or ongoing costs.

Potential future shared use agreements also being negotiated include one between Chatswood High School and Willoughby Council for a synthetic sports field and another between Ku-ring-gai Council and St Ives High School for an indoor sports and community centre.

This year’s State Budget included a record \$4.2 billion on school infrastructure, the biggest single investment in building public schools in the history of NSW.

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