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\$10,000 grant to connect Sandringham Primary School students with Chinese peers

Member for Sandringham Murray Thompson today congratulated the Sandringham Primary School on receiving a \$10,000 grant from the Naphthine Government to develop a new sister school relationship with a school in China.

Mr Thompson said the grant would broaden local students' horizons and prepare them to become citizens of the world.

"Bringing Victorian and overseas schools closer together is part of our plan to prepare young people for the opportunities and challenges of tomorrow," Mr Thompson said.

Mr Thompson said that Sandringham Primary School was one of 14 successful applicants sharing in \$140,000 in grants.

"Sandringham Primary School will use the grant to connect students and teachers, whether through teleconferencing or study tour opportunities, and to sharpen the focus on China, its language, culture and region through the curriculum," Mr Thompson said.

"It will be great to see Sandringham Primary School preparing its students for a more globalised future by connecting its classrooms to the world."

Education Minister Martin Dixon said sister school partnerships also helped improve teaching and learning in Victorian schools.

"This funding boost has lifted the number of government schools with sister school partnerships to a record high of 305," Mr Dixon said.

"These partnerships give us the chance to export our success overseas, but also to learn from other systems' strengths to ensure Victorian education is world class."

“As we move further into the Asian century, it is vital to expose our young people to the people, cultures and economies that will play such a key role in Victoria’s future.”

All Victorian schools can use the new Sister School Resource Kit as a guide to how to set up partnerships with schools overseas.

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