



Hindu Council of Australia

PRESS RELEASE

Coalition support for First Hindu School in Sydney

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We are pleased to thank the Leader of Opposition Hon Peter Dutton for announcing their party's support for a Hindu school in Sydney. Mr Dutton made the announcement and said, *"If elected, the Coalition government will provide up to \$8.5 million to support the establishment of the first Hindu school. The Hindu community in Australia makes an enormous contribution to our multicultural character. The announcement is an important recognition of the Hindu Community's vision to have a school finally realised."*

Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson, shadow Minister for Education said, *"The funding would provide a much-needed boost to Hindu community, which has long advocated for a dedicated faith based Hindu School."*

The Hon Jason Wood, the Shadow Minister for Community Safety, Migrant Services and Multicultural affairs said, *"The School would follow a model similar to other faith-based institutions, delivering a curriculum that integrates Hindu values alongside the Australian values."*

Hindu Council also thanks MP Alex Hawke, MP Julian Leeser, other coalition MPs and shadow Ministers who have lent their support to the Hindu School. We also thank Better Balanced Future (Faith NSW)'s CEO Murray Norman and Co-chair Darren Bark for their steadfast advocacy and support.

Hindu Council, HEACC and Better Balanced have been working in close partnership to fulfil the community wish of creating first of many Hindu schools in Australia.

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