The department manages a $20 billion asset portfolio covering some 35,000 learning spaces and support facilities, which requires ongoing maintenance to support educational outcomes.

School maintenance funding follows a planned approach to ensure schools are provided with learning spaces that meet modern curriculum needs.

For 2019–20, $233.5m has been allocated to maintenance. This includes $225.71m for schools, $2.69m for Early Childhood Education and Care centres and $5.08m for employee housing.

The budget of $225.71m includes maintenance funding allocated directly for schools along with funding for regional and centrally managed maintenance activities.

The School Infrastructure Enhancement program also delivers refurbishment works for school infrastructure. Maintenance is prioritised according to need and assessed at the school level. Of course, requirements can change and schools have the flexibility to amend the work schedule as needed.