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Funding hope for VCA

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EDUCATION Minister Julia Gillard has not ruled out the possibility of increased funding for the cash-strapped Victorian College of the Arts and Music.

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Every living former state arts minister launched an unprecedented protest this week against the introduction of Melbourne University's new curriculum at the college, writing to seek a meeting with university vice-chancellor Glyn Davis.

Yesterday, Ms Gillard described the VCA, which merged with Melbourne University in 2007, as an important institution. "We are prepared to work collaboratively with the State Government, with the VCA itself, with the University of Melbourne, on its future," she said. Asked if this would include more funding, Ms Gillard said discussions would continue.

In 2011, the VCA will introduce the university's Melbourne Model, which provides a broad undergraduate degree with postgraduate specialisation.

Students fear the changes will limit practical training, but the university insists the model can be adapted to suit the VCA.

Premier John Brumby said this week that the VCA's funding woes were a legacy of the Howard government.

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