




Speech by

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ASSISI CATHOLIC COLLEGE

 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Albert—LNP) (3.23 pm): It is very pleasing for me to be able to talk today on positive news surrounding Assisi Catholic College, a college in the electorate of Albert that has just completed the stage 5 development of the school's master plan, delivering contemporary educational facilities, including a trade training centre, to complement a well-resourced, innovative curriculum. Assisi is located in Upper Coomera, a fast-growing community at the northern end of the Gold Coast, and has grown from 150 students to 1,300 students in just seven years. It is the first master planned prep to year 12 Catholic co-educational college on the Gold Coast. Brisbane Catholic Education is to be congratulated for creating such a pleasant and positive learning environment for students and teachers. Assisi Catholic College is a fantastic example of students, staff, parents and the wider community working together to meet students' educational needs and work goals.

Furthermore, I want to make special mention of foundation principal, Mrs Dora Luxton. The success of a new school relies heavily upon the ability of the principal to organise, prepare and communicate effectively with teachers, parents, students, government agencies and the wider community. Congratulations, Mrs Luxton. You should be very proud of the hard work and effort that you and your team have put in over the last seven years. Assisi not only provides an excellent educational environment for students but also provides choice in education. The state government is committed to ensuring that parents not only in Upper Coomera but right across Queensland are provided with schooling options by working together in partnership with independent and Catholic schools. It was a true honour to represent the minister on the day. The children were extremely well behaved. I can tell members that Mrs Dora Luxton should be very proud of what she has achieved. I thank her dearly for her efforts.