

Speech by


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Schools, Crossing Supervisors

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Multicultural Affairs) (9.54 am): Every day more than 720,000 Queensland children and teenagers leave the care of their homes to travel to school, every day thousands of Queensland motorists are entrusted to take every care on the roads many of those kids cross to make it safely to class and every day hundreds of dedicated crossing guards across the state make sure that happens. So today I am pleased to announce a new allocation of new lollipop supervisors throughout Queensland as part of the \$8.9m Bligh government program, taking the total number of supervisors across Queensland to 1,900. These are the people who give mums and dads and children peace of mind outside of our schools and they have never been more important as we enter a new era of safety in our school zones.

As our population grows and, with the introduction of prep year, our schools are not only becoming busier but also students are becoming younger. To give further protection to those students, today I am pleased to announce permanent supervisors at the following locations: Crescent Lagoon State School at Rockhampton; Our Lady of the Angels Primary School at Wavell Heights; St Williams School at Everton; Ashgrove State School in Ashgrove; Palmwoods State School in the Glasshouse region; the Glasshouse Country Christian College at Caloundra; Moggill State School; St Oliver Plunkett School at Cannon Hill; Morningside State School in the seat of Bulimba; Wynnum West State School in the seat of Lytton; Highland Reserve State School, Ashmore in the seat of Albert; and Yarrilee State School in Hervey Bay.

The great majority of motorists who pass by our schools are doing the right thing but it is a shocking fact that last year more than 16,000 drivers were booked for speeding in school zones. As part of a new era in school zone safety we have announced that school zones throughout Queensland will be standardised. Split campus schools will have all-day zones and we will also introduce school zones on multilane roads. That means that no driver should be under any illusion about sticking to the speed limit and that everyone should think twice before speeding around our schools.