




Speech by

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ST EUGENE COLLEGE

 **Mr RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (11.46 am): This Queensland Labor government is continuing its proud record of investment in educational infrastructure and educational opportunities for the young people of the Morayfield state electorate. Recently, along with Senator Mark Furner and Father Paul Smithers, I officially opened the new \$8.8 million facilities at St Eugene College. As members of this House are aware, I am a former student of St Eugene College. When I started at St Eugene's there were fewer than 100 students in the whole school and the facilities were adequate but very basic. St Eugene's has now grown to almost 1,000 students and its facilities are world class. The school is a flagship of contemporary learning for the young people of my community. It was a great pleasure to be part of the opening ceremony for these new magnificent facilities and to see how this great school has changed over the years. The new facilities at St Eugene's include new classrooms, new student amenities, new walkways, a new performing arts and multipurpose hall and new manual arts, science and home economic workshops. These facilities will make a big difference to the learning journeys of students at the school now and into the future.

I am very proud to report to the House that this Queensland Labor government contributed \$2.9 million and the federal government contributed \$4.8 million towards the construction of these new facilities. This is just another great example of how this Queensland Labor government is working with schools and other levels of government to ensure that students have a modern learning environment. Over the past five years St Eugene College has received more than \$4.5 million in recurrent funding and \$9 million in capital assistance funding from this Queensland Labor government.