




Speech by

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MORAYFIELD ELECTORATE, EDUCATION FUNDING

 **Mr GRIMWADE** (Morayfield—LNP) (12.51 am): I rise to talk about some of the great positive initiatives that this Newman government is undertaking in education in Queensland. My local area of Morayfield is a great area and it is readily supported by the Newman government in terms of the education minister's crayon to career vision.

Kindies in my area have been well supported and recently, under the Newman government's initiative, received around \$35,000 in contributions and funding for additional resources and equipment to help them have the resources to improve learning outcomes. Recently, I visited the Kidz Rock Educational Centre, which is in my electorate. The owner of that centre, Mrs Karen Butters, showed me around that centre. I give full credit to Mrs Butters. She has spent a considerable amount of money investing in the lives of the children who go through her centre. My hat goes off to her. I know that this kindergarten received a \$5,000 grant for some of the resources that it requires.

Recently, this Newman government has funded literacy and numeracy grants. A number of schools in my electorate received funding. Schools in my electorate received \$86,112 to increase literacy and numeracy. Burpengary State School received around \$17,000 and Morayfield State School received around \$31,000. These schools will truly benefit from that funding for literacy and numeracy so that the kids at those schools can have greater literacy and numeracy opportunities. I was supposed to attend at the Caboolture Special School tonight, but I have not been able to owing to parliamentary commitments. Recently, that school received 20 e-tablets. When I visited that school and saw the e-tablets that were delivered to this school and the facilities and the resources that they have for the kids there, I was truly amazed. Technology gives these kids an opportunity.

I can speak all night about the very positive things that this government is doing in education in Queensland, but I will finish by referring to the \$160,000 commitment to the backlog of school maintenance, which is part of this government's \$200 million commitment. This commitment is making a great difference to the schools in my local area. The P&Cs are reporting that this money is being spent with much goodwill. Morayfield State High School in my electorate has one of the biggest maintenance backlogs, a \$1.4 million backlog. All schools will benefit from that \$160,000 in funding that will clear the maintenance backlog and make our schools safer places for our kids, our teachers and the parents. This is a great state. It offers a great opportunity for our kids, including those who live in my electorate.