




Speech By
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 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Mundingburra—LNP) (Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience) (3.43 pm): This afternoon I want to speak to the House about a combination of two very exciting factors: one is the delivery of infrastructure and the second is better education. They come together for three exciting announcements in my electorate of Mundingburra. There are three applications under the state government's Capital Assistance Scheme and Building our Future Schools program. This afternoon, I wish to announce that the Annandale Christian College has been successful in obtaining a subsidy of \$665,000, which is the maximum amount under that scheme. That is to construct two general learning areas for year 7, including a language laboratory, a small group extension area, a computer lab and a covered outdoor area. There are some exciting things planned for that beautiful little school in Annandale.

The second announcement relates to the Cathedral School of St Anne and St James. This afternoon I spoke with the principals of both of those schools. In the case of the Cathedral School, I can announce the construction of two general learning areas, again to accommodate year 7 core learning, at a cost of \$575,000. There is an additional \$95,000 to construct a general learning area, veranda storage, covered walkways, provide furniture and equipment, and a bit of site works. It is exciting stuff.

However, the real excitement comes with an announcement that my electorate has been waiting for. The member for Burdekin and I share a great school, located right on the boundary of our electorates. I refer to the wonderful Southern Cross Catholic School, which my two daughters attend.

Mrs Menkens: It is in my electorate.

Mr CRISAFULLI: I am aware that it is in the electorate of the member for Burdekin, but I proudly say that the majority of the children come from my electorate, so I will continue to espouse it as the great school that it is. It will become a prep to year 12 school, which is wonderful news. Currently, it offers classes to year 7. This is something that the community has been really wanting. There are some traffic issues that must be overcome. I know that council is working with the school to find the balance there. The subsidy is in two parts. The first part is \$5.058 million to construct three general learning areas and accommodation for science, two home economics rooms, a manual arts room, an art room, a temporary flexible learning area, IT facilities, et cetera. The second component is an amount of \$668,000 to create a pick-up and set-down area and to do some external roadworks. That is an important part of the project, because traffic is a real issue here. We must not let pass us by the opportunity to create what will be a dynamic school in a wonderful and growing part of my electorate. I believe the traffic issues can be overcome. I have every confidence that council can work towards that. I have every confidence in the future of what is a beautiful and dynamic school, of which I am proud to be a parent.