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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Helensvale State High School**

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (3.17 pm): I rise to congratulate the Helensvale State High School, a new independent public school in the electorate of Coomera. One of more than 100 expressions of interest, Helensvale State High School was successful in its bid to become an independent public school. As an independent public school, Helensvale State High School will be well placed to benefit from increased autonomy to deliver the best possible outcomes for their students in this community. With great input from parents, teachers and community members, the school will have more freedom to shape their own direction and make decisions that will directly benefit their students. Over time I have no doubt that this will lead to better innovation, stronger partnerships with industry and the community, and the tailoring of school programs.

Principal Mark Blackshaw has welcomed the opportunity. He knows that it is great news for the school and its students, teachers and the community. This increased autonomy will provide even greater learning opportunities for students. I know that the school is really excited about the future possibilities for this great school. The independent public school initiative is one of the many ways the Newman government will reduce red tape so that schools can focus on a quality education experience for their students.

I had the great pleasure to go to the Meridien Marinas Horizon Shores, Cabbage Tree Point, in the great state of Queensland—Woongoolba, as a matter of fact. Woongoolba is a beautiful part of the world in the Coomera electorate. I represented the Minister for Education, Training and Employment, the Hon. John-Paul Langbroek, at the launch of DETE's new vessel for the Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre. This vessel was constructed to support the day-to-day operations of the Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre.

This vessel is a fully-equipped floating classroom, but this boat is not only a classroom that carries 36 students and teachers and two crew but also their very own research vessel that they can use just like scientists to learn more about Moreton Bay and its flourishing ecosystem. A big thank you to John Hardie and his team at Everingham Power Boats for their work on the MV *Inspiration*. They are boat builders based at Horizon Shores in Woongoolba. What an incredible asset this will be for the Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre. It is another great example of what we can achieve when government and industry work together. Whether it is taking people from A to B, acting as a teachers' platform for students or undertaking scientific surveys, the *Inspiration* will always be involved in learning, research and discovery. I believe this aptly named vessel will indeed live up to the school's vision and inspire champions for the bay for many years to come.

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