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ADJOURNMENT

Kedron State High School

 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (8.39 pm): I rise to talk about a great school in my electorate—Kedron State High School—which has been operating for over 60 years and continues to go from strength to strength under the leadership of its principal, Joseba Larrazabal. Over the last three years he has been the principal there. I am looking forward to returning to this school and others in my electorate later this week as we celebrate World Teachers' Day to thank our teachers for all they do teaching our children to be the best they can be.

The neglect of the Clayfield electorate by the Palaszczuk Labor government, however, was laid bare when I was at Kedron State High School when the government announced \$154.5 million worth of funding for school halls and, guess what, not one cent was spent in the current Clayfield electorate. Not one cent went to Ascot State School, Eagle Junction State School or Woolloowin State School. This is despite the obvious needs of a school like Kedron State High School which has been serving its community so well.

Next door in Labor held seats we have seen embarrassing sandbagging. There is \$8.7 million going to schools in Brisbane Central, plus more than \$200 million on a new school that no-one even knew about, including the member. That is what is happening there. Schools in the Nudgee electorate are receiving over \$4.8 million, while the new electorate of Clayfield will get zilch in new funding for any of our eight public state schools.

Last week I attended the school's sports awards night that was held in the school's old hall. Unfortunately, that school hall is as old as the school itself and is not suitable to hold an event any larger than that. The much bigger full school awards evening is being held in the school gymnasium as we speak in this chamber tonight. While I was at the school last week, I was reminded of the need for this growing school to get a new school hall so that the award-winning performing arts and music department can continue their successes and so that other faculties of the school can utilise this vital resource for events as basic as school assemblies.

I am pleased to advise the House that I have today sponsored a petition at the request of the school community calling on the state government to prioritise funding for a new school hall to be used by not just the school of over 1,400 students but the wider community. Kedron State High School has delivered students of outstanding capabilities to the Queensland Conservatorium of music on a regular basis. It has provided great leaders of the professions and sports. It is a shame that this government will not build it a new school hall. This petition is designed to bring pressure on this government to deliver for the people of Clayfield.