




Speech By
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 **Ms LINARD** (Nudgee—ALP) (5.59 pm): I rise to support the common-sense amendment moved by the Minister for Education. Seriously, what is the member for Kawana on? Secret review? Secret report? Just because you say it and say it again and say it over and over does not make it true.

Ms Grace interjected.

Mr Boothman interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Nudgee, I am sorry. Pause the clock. Minister for Education, you are warned under standing orders. Member for Theodore, you have been ejected from the House today. I caution you about further interjections and crossfire with the minister.

Ms LINARD: As I said, just because you say it and say it again and say it over and over does not make it true. An evaluation report was always built into the IPS framework. It has been on the very public website for all to see. The evaluation has now been completed and, lo and behold, it needs to go to cabinet. That is not a new process. Even those opposite would remember that sometimes issues need to be referred to cabinet and the IPS evaluation report will be, as is appropriate.

The member for Kawana's fixation with this issue is nothing other than political opportunism. He is trying to create concern for his own gain and, while not surprising, that is shameful. This government has been at pains to point out that the evaluation does not mean the end for the IPS program. The Premier has said it in this House. The minister has said it. The Premier then said it again and then the minister again, in answer to questions on notice, questions without notice, at estimates—members get the idea.

I am proud that my electorate of Nudgee has three fantastic independent public schools. Far from cutting IPS schools, as alleged by the member for Currumbin, we have given effect to IPS schools such as Boondall State School in 2015, under us; Earnshaw State College in 2017, under this government; and Northgate State School in 2017, under this government. Those two fabulous primary schools, Boondall and Northgate, proudly serve their respective communities in the north and south of my electorate with great heart and vision. Earnshaw State College, which is my old high school and now a P-12 school, does likewise in Banyo. Each of those schools deserves better than a concerted and misleading campaign by those opposite.

While those opposite are fixated on issues like this, we on this side of the House continue to get on with delivering the high-quality educational facilities needed for Queensland students. In 2018-19, the Palaszczuk government will invest a record \$923 million in state school infrastructure, including capital projects, maintenance and renewal works. During 2018-19, our capital works programs will see over \$705 million invested in new and additional classrooms, enhancement and replacement of

facilities, installation of solar and energy efficiency measures, the refurbishment and upgrade of 17 schools across the state and new schools to deliver world-class learning environments for students and to address employment growth pressures.

I am incredibly happy that the 2018-19 budget for my electorate of Nudgee has seen Nundah State School receive its much-longed-for hall fans, as well as \$136,000 to upgrade the STEAM classroom. Last Friday I visited the school to read to the 100 prep students and I bring back to the minister the school community's great appreciation for those fans. The Virginia State School will receive over \$110,000 to upgrade their pool amenities following a concerted community campaign. That is well deserved funding for a swim club that has a long and distinguished history in our community.

Our total maintenance investment for schools of \$218 million will ensure priority and ongoing maintenance works are carried out across our 35,000 classrooms, halls, science labs, sheds, covered walkways and shade structures in 1,240 Queensland state schools. This will include over \$291,000 for the six state schools in the Nudgee electorate. The Palaszczuk government has prioritised maintenance works in Queensland state schools, unlike those opposite under whom the maintenance program blew out to \$214 million in 2014-15.

An opposition member: Fixing up your mistakes.

Ms LINARD: We will get to that. Since 2015, we have consistently and systematically prioritised works in schools to fix the LNP's maintenance mess. Thanks to our regular ongoing prioritisation of works, the maintenance program was sitting at \$146 million as at 30 June 2018. Well done, Minister Grace Grace! These are the issues we are focused on as a government, delivering the high-quality educational facilities needed for Queensland students. There is nothing to hide with our IPS evaluation. We are a consultative government and we are keen to know what is working with the IPS model and what is not. More importantly, we want to know what opportunities the IPS model presents and how we may be able to spread any learnings across all state schools. I commend the amendment moved by the minister, Grace Grace.