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Bray Park State High School

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (7.14 pm): Tonight is a momentous night for the Bray Park high school community. Tonight, after years of lobbying and campaigning, the school is hosting its first academic awards night in its newly renovated and extended multipurpose hall. While I am being well represented during tonight's proceedings by Labor's candidate for Dickson, Ali France, this Friday I will join the school community to officially open the hall on behalf of education minister, the member for McConnel.

Labor knows that improving school facilities like the school hall represents so many positive opportunities for learning new skills and celebrating school spirit. This facility has been a long time coming for the school. It was sadly promised yet left completely unfunded and unsupported by my LNP predecessor in a failed re-election attempt in 2015, so it is a project that I take real pride and pleasure in being able to deliver to the school community. The hall is part of the Palaszczuk government's new Advancing Queensland Schools initiative, which supports over 500 jobs in 30 school communities right across the state.

At Bray Park we commenced construction on 11 December 2017, and practical completion was on 29 June 2018. For the first time the school now has a spacious weatherproof area to assemble and a purpose-built creative arts area with a real industry look and feel. The large stage, audiovisual room, storage, audiovisual facilities, box office and cafe will greatly enhance performing arts events. Preparation in the green room, as well as selling tickets and refreshments in the box office and cafe area, will add to the real-life atmosphere that is so important to budding performers. The fact that the stage and other areas have disability access ensures that it is an inclusive and practical facility for use by the whole school community. It means that the school will now be able to hold larger creative arts and sporting events on site rather than having to travel and incur the expense of external facilities.

The extended hall also has designed sports markings on the floor, making it a wonderful facility for school and regional sporting events. It will be an important community asset and help the school build on its already great reputation as an outstanding school. I would like to thank Principal Kirsten Ferdinands for her excellent leadership and all of the school staff for their commitment to the students. I would also like to thank everyone involved in designing, constructing and delivering this important project. I appreciate how essential this infrastructure is for the school and how much it is valued by the community. This is infrastructure that will assist every student to reach their full potential for many years to come.