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 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (7.28 pm): I rise to speak about the 2019-20 financial investment in education by the Palaszczuk Labor government in my electorate of Mansfield. As my colleagues are aware, the Mansfield electorate is a hub of educational excellence, with 19 schools and some of the highest achieving public schools in the state. Parents and carers recognise that the schools in my electorate are highly sought after, with a large number of young families moving into the community to access our excellent educational institutions. Given our local schools are in such high demand, I am proud of the unrelenting focus on education made by our minister and by the Palaszczuk Labor government. We are investing in the futures of our children.

In 2019-20, \$16.6 million out of a total of \$32.7 million will be spent to construct a new building with 16 general learning spaces and six specialist learning spaces, as well as refurbishments and upgrades, at Mansfield State High School. Since I was elected, more than \$48 million has been invested in Mansfield State High School—a stark contrast to the previous LNP member. Next door Mansfield State School has received \$1.5 million out of a total of \$7.7 million for additional classrooms.

It is also a pleasure to announce that the Palaszczuk Labor government has invested more than \$5 million to build six general learning spaces and a canteen at the fast-growing Wishart State School. Further, Rochedale State High School has received \$5 million to construct a new building of 10 general learning areas and one specialist learning area. Rochedale, as the member for Springwood would know, is one of the fastest growing suburbs in Brisbane and these additional resources are much needed. Finally, we have a vital and very unique school in the Mansfield electorate—Mackenzie State Special School. This school has received \$4 million for a new building to house eight general learning areas.

I congratulate the Premier and the Minister for Education for investing in our children, investing in our families and communities, and ultimately investing in the economic prosperity of our state and our nation. Here on this side of the House we understand that, when we invest in education, we transform the lives of individuals, families and whole communities. When we invest in the minds of our young people, we inspire a clever land.