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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

State Education Week

 **Ms LINARD** (Nudgee—ALP) (2.21 pm): It is a pleasure to rise to update the House about some recent education investments in my electorate of Nudgee, particularly in State Education Week and with World Teachers' Day tomorrow. From the outset I would like to acknowledge the contribution that all of the wonderful principals, teachers and teachers' aides across my community make to education and wish them a very happy World Teachers' Day tomorrow. I also extend that acknowledgement and my thanks to all who work within the profession of education more broadly, including you, Mr Deputy Speaker Stewart, and all those across Queensland.

In respect of my local schools, it was lovely to see local schools Boondall State School and Wavell State High School on the Nudgee-Stafford border recognised in this week's Buy Smart Awards by the Attorney-General. Students from across the state once again participated in the Buy Smart competition which challenged them to research and communicate about a marketplace issue of their choice. Boondall has dominated this competition for consecutive years now and I was very proud to see their creativity recognised once again this year.

From Boondall State Primary to Nundah State School, I always enjoy the opportunity to attend P&C meetings for my local schools and it was at a Nundah State School P&C earlier this year that I witnessed a very impassioned presentation by parents about the need for a tuckshop renovation at the school. I acknowledge president Matthew and vice-president Hayley, who were particularly passionate about the project. The vision of the P&C committee and school leadership team was for a renovated tuckshop kitchen space, new outdoor cafe area and learning space.

Following the meeting I met with the P&C and principal Deb Cox on site to see the existing facility and to discuss their proposed vision in more detail. Their vision and excitement about the contribution that a project of this nature could make to students and the broader Nundah school community was infectious.

Following this meeting I contacted the Minister for Education and wrote to her office requesting her support for their vision. These meetings were followed by a concerted effort by parents, teachers and staff at the school emailing or writing to my office to demonstrate the strong community support for and commitment to this project which I, of course, relayed in full to the minister.

So it was with great excitement that I was called to a further meeting with the Minister for Education, Grace Grace, last week and advised that Nundah State School has been successful in obtaining \$220,000 to make their vision a reality. I give my warm congratulations to Nundah State School and I cannot wait to see this project delivered for their lovely community.

I also look forward to meeting with the principal of Boondall State School, P&C reps and students tomorrow to look at their plans for the early years playground announced in this year's state budget. I also had great pleasure in dropping by Virginia State School Swimming Club last Friday night to see the change room, pool and grandstand improvements delivered there by last year's state budget.

Our government will always invest in education, teachers and students in this state. I will always back my local schools. I thank the education minister for doing likewise and I wish everyone again a very happy State Education Week.