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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**World Teachers' Day**

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (2.33 pm): I rise to congratulate the teachers of Queensland, especially the teachers of Logan and, indeed, Mr Deputy Speaker, you and the member for Mansfield. For thousands and thousands of years the Aboriginal people of Australia have taught new generations on the ways of the economy, law, stories and our history. This morning the minister asked us to think of a teacher who helped out in our lives. I have to say that the first two teachers who made a difference to me were my own mum and dad, who were both teachers and later teachers of teachers. Some on the other side may not support this teacher, but the other teacher who made a difference to my life was Sister Teresa, a sister of the Order of Saint Joseph. When I think back, in some ways she encouraged me to go into politics. In grade 6 she set up a special interactive class. We were asked to put forward a party, a platform and a policy. She asked me to take a lead role in that, so perhaps she saw something in me.

We all know that teachers cannot teach in the open air: they need facilities to deliver high-quality teaching, and most of all they need classrooms in good schools. Logan is a growing area, so we need new classrooms. That is why I am pleased to say we have new investments, including: the Yarrabilba State School; the Yarrabilba State Secondary College, which is just coming online and we went through the process of opening; the SEC at the Flagstone State Community College, which I opened with the member for Jordan as it used to be in the area I represent; a new two-storey classroom block with undercroft at Logan Village State School; the Logan Reserve State School, which has four new classrooms plus undercroft; the new King's Christian College; and St Clare's Catholic Primary School at Yarrabilba. I will continue to push for more investment at Park Ridge and perhaps a new school for the Logan Reserve-Chambers Flat area, and I will work with the member for Jordan for a new school to service some of the growth in the new Greenbank area.

How do we compare that to the LNP? Members, how many schools do you think the LNP built in the fast-growing Logan area? The answer is zero. How many classrooms do you think they added? The answer is zero. On World Teachers' Day teachers need to know they are going to be supported. In growing areas they know we need to have new classrooms; not the LNP's cuts, which provided no new classrooms for families in the growing electorate of Logan.