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 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (2.51 pm): We have extraordinary schools in the Logan electorate. One of the coolest things I have seen recently was the Park Ridge State High School band playing at their awards ceremony. We already know that we have the coolest students in Queensland. They are creative, intelligent and hardworking. Now we know we are going to get the coolest coolest children in Logan. Every single school in the electorate of Logan will get all their classrooms air-conditioned. It includes Jimboomba State School, Yarrabilba State School, the brand new Yarrabilba State High School, Logan Reserve State School, Regents Park State School, Park Ridge State High School, Park Ridge State School, Logan Village State School and Boronia Heights State School. We are building new buildings at Logan Reserve State School, Park Ridge State High School and all of the classrooms at the brand new Yarrabilba State Secondary College.

I would like to think this started when both the Premier and Minister Grace came out for the first day of school in the heat of summer and they got to see what it was like out in Yarrabilba. I said to them, 'This area needs air conditioning as much as some areas in the north.' Only Labor is committed to getting air conditioning done this quickly.

As a teacher I know what it is like to have young students in high school come in from playing in the playground who are hot and sweaty and difficult to teach. I remember putting a lot of effort into a lesson plan that was creative and thoughtful but the students were hot and sweaty and not up to following through with that plan and I had to scale it back and do something simpler. That will not be the case for Logan students any more. Teachers will be able to do those creative dynamic lesson plans for their students.

It is also about local jobs. This extra work to put in air conditioners in Logan schools is a special Christmas present for air-conditioning installers. It is local jobs for local people. That is a Christmas present that we can all share in Logan. When the LNP was in government it delivered zero air conditioning for any of the schools in Logan, there were no new classrooms and there were less teachers to develop creative lesson plans. Logan had the coolest students and now they have the coolest coolest students.