




Speech By
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 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (6.12 pm): The Labor Party is the party of education. We have continually reformed opportunities for people to participate in education and go on to live fulfilling lives; for example, think about the introduction of prep; the transfer of year 7 into high school; and universal access to kindergarten. These are successful Labor initiatives that have delivered benefits and made a difference to communities right across Queensland.

We continue to support growth in the education sector by investing in school infrastructure. The Morayfield state electorate is a great recipient of those investments in school infrastructure. Just recently the Caboolture State High School received almost \$2 million in funding for two new special education buildings; Caboolture Special School, \$700,000 for projects to improve works around the special school; Minimbah State School, \$250,000 for refurbishment works; and Morayfield East State School, \$350,000 for refurbishment works.

One of the most exciting projects at the moment is the construction of a new special school for Caboolture. This will be a secondary special school. The parents are very excited that the school has now been given its official name. It will be called the Lee Street State Special School. Progress is going very well. I had the opportunity to visit the construction site last week and talk to tradies. They are doing a fantastic job. The thing I found most impressive about the tradies on this particular construction project is that they appreciate it is more than just a building they are contributing to. They know they are contributing to a space that will make a difference to kids who need a little bit of help in their lives and their learning journey.

I am very pleased that the Minister for Education has approved additional works to happen at the Lee Street State Special School, and the reason why is because it has been so popular with enrolments. The school has not even opened yet but the education minister, Minister Grace, has approved stage 2A to start immediately. There will be an extra \$9.4 million worth of construction to deliver 10 extra learning spaces. With construction starting now, while the main construction is still underway, it is expected that that second stage, stage 2A, will be completed before the end of term 2 in 2020, providing additional space for the growing community that is Caboolture. Well done to the Lee Street State Special School community! I look forward to attending the official opening next year.