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 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (2.47 pm): As we unite and recover and look to the future, the Palaszczuk government is continuing to back our kids by providing world-class education through record frontline teaching staff and new state-of-the-art schools with air conditioning and solar energy.

Recently I had the immense pleasure to meet the team at one of Queensland's newest secondary schools—our \$70 million Ripley Valley State Secondary College—and what a beauty it is. Led by Principal Brendan Krueger and the team at the college, they are focused on delivering quality learning outcomes for our children.

While the college itself is undoubtedly an impressive physical specimen, complete with state-of-the-art technology and fantastic sports facilities, its beating heart is its sense of culture and community which, even more than the bricks and mortar, underscores the importance of the Palaszczuk government's ongoing commitment to education. This wonderful school is an example of how government can, and should, provide the opportunity for the brightest of futures for our younger generations.

Our plan for a strong future also invests in the environmental and economic sustainability of our schools. Our \$97 million Advancing Clean Energy Schools Program is lowering both power bills and emissions at more than 800 schools across the state. As part of our economic response to coronavirus, we have fast-tracked installations of solar panels at an additional 80 schools.

In the Bundamba community this means that our schools in Bellbird Park, Goodna, Redbank Plains, Bundamba, Collingwood Park and Riverview benefit from the installation of solar panels to bring down power bills and our local tradies will get work from their installation and maintenance. Whilst an ever-increasing number of our state schools are becoming solar smart, they are also becoming cool thanks to our \$477 million program to air-condition all state school classrooms, libraries and staffrooms. Air conditioners powered by solar panels will not only create more comfortable learning and teaching environments in our schools but they will deliver jobs right now when we need them the most.

We have world-class schools in Bundamba, and I am proud to be part of a government that is helping them grow in line with our community with more staff and the best facilities. We are focused on the future, and that means continuing to deliver the best education, both in and out of the classroom, to develop future generations of Queenslanders who will continue to lead our great state forward.