



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR MORAYFIELD**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### Cooler Cleaner Schools Program

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (1.57 pm): It was a very cool day a few weeks ago in the Morayfield state electorate when I was celebrating with our local school principals, P&Cs and community members the Queensland government's Cooler Cleaner Schools Program—a massive, almost \$500 million program that will ensure air conditioners will be provided in state schools not only across the Morayfield electorate but also right across South-East Queensland and will continue to be supported.

Morayfield East State School, which I attended on the morning of the announcement, had been fundraising for a number of months to put air conditioners into their classrooms. They were very excited about the announcement because they know the difference it will make. They are very happy with the government's announcement. They are very pleased that not only will the air conditioners be provided but also an investment will be made to ensure they are maintained, repaired and replaced forever. They were also very happy to hear about the 'cleaner' side of the Cooler Cleaner Schools Program to install additional solar panels on the roofs of school buildings right across the state.

This will make a difference to the learning of our young people. It will also make a difference to the efforts of our P&Cs and school communities to support other improvements to their schools. Already the Morayfield East State School community are talking about fundraising for playground equipment because now they do not have to fundraise for air conditioners.

There were also some celebrations at other schools I attended. Burpengary Meadows State School P&C are over the moon that their hard work has been recognised. Theirs is one of the school communities that had fundraised significantly over the past five to 10 years to install air conditioners themselves. Their hard work is recognised through this program, because, as I said, the maintenance, repair and replacement costs will now be covered by the Queensland government. Those P&Cs and school communities will never again have to put their hands in their pockets when it comes to air-conditioning their schools.

The BSM at Morayfield State High School—the BSM there is a lovely lady, Jody, who runs the school really; you know that the BSMs run the schools, Mr Deputy Speaker Stewart—was talking to me about the ongoing maintenance and servicing costs that schools such as Morayfield State High School had faced over the years—about half of the school is air conditioned—and the servicing costs were many thousands of dollars each year. That is now covered by the government as well, so BSMs like Jody are very happy about the announcement. All communities are happy about the announcement. Well done, Queensland Labor government.