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Ms BOYD (Pine Rivers—ALP) (2.58 pm): School is back in session for 2020, and there is some fantastic news in the electorate of Pine Rivers. My community has seen such a significant investment by the Palaszczuk Labor government over the Christmas break into our learning spaces. I will update the House on that today. Bray Park State School has a refurbished block D. On the very first day of school I got to visit the preppies in block D. Upgrading that classroom was almost a \$400,000 investment. It is cool and it is a wonderful learning space for those preppies.

At Pine Rivers State High School work is ongoing to install a lift and equitable footpath spaces to make sure that that space is accessible to all in the community. A big project there is the refurbishing of the canteen which we are making a significant contribution to—over \$700,000.

I got to check out Strathpine State School just days before school commenced. I understand they finished the works there. There was over \$300,000 worth of works to refurbish block G which is fantastic for the grade 5s and 6s. The Pine Rivers Special School has seen a significant investment in upgrading, with work underway on a \$250,000 project to deliver the refurbishment and equitable assessment amenities to block D including new floor coverings, plumbing works, modifications to wall petitions, a new change table, a ceiling hoist and an internal repaint.

A contract has been awarded for a \$9.7 million build that will double the new school building we invested in a couple of years ago, delivering eight learning spaces and two specialist learning spaces. It is scheduled to be completed at the end of this year. At Bray Park State High School construction of a new building will shortly be underway. It will include four general learning spaces and four specialist learning spaces. These are terrific outcomes that will provide purpose-built learning spaces for our students to achieve their best.

All of the schools in Pine Rivers will become 'cool schools'. We have already seen Dayboro State School finish their air-conditioning project. I am off to Mount Sampson State School tomorrow, but contracts have been awarded at Pine Rivers State High School, Bray Park State High School, Strathpine State School, Bray Park State School and Samford State School to install air conditioning in every learning space in the state schools in my community. We know that better concentration and better learning outcomes will come from these facilities in our classrooms. It is fantastic to deliver that.

I particularly want to acknowledge our wonderful P&Cs for the work they have done in tackling this and taking a big chunk out of the number of learning spaces that need to be done. Welcome back to the school year.