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## ADJOURNMENT

### Bancroft Electorate, Schools

 **Mr WHITING** (Bancroft—ALP) (7.09 pm): I am so pleased tonight to let the House know that over the next year air conditioning will be installed and operational in every state school classroom in Deception Bay and North Lakes and it will be powered by solar energy. The rollout of air conditioning is a massive relief to all families in our electorates. They know our kids perform better in cooler classrooms. It is the Palaszczuk government that has delivered it. The Palaszczuk government committed to providing air conditioning to Queensland state school classrooms, libraries and staff rooms by the end of June 2022. Across Queensland 650 state schools will benefit from air-conditioning installations, making some 10,000 classrooms cooler and more comfortable. That is a massive undertaking, even more impressive considering that the LNP had promised to do it over eight years.

It is only Labor that delivers the infrastructure needed by our schools. Progress is well underway on the rollout to our local schools. Bounty Boulevard State School has had air conditioning installed and operational in 63 spaces. Deception Bay North State School is at the design and tender stage, as is Deception Bay State High School. Deception Bay State School has had air conditioning installed and operational in nine spaces. Moreton Downs State School has had it installed in just one space, but its P&C had raised money to air-condition the school previously and I have said to it that from now on we will pay for the operation and future replacement of those units. North Lakes State College has had air conditioning installed and operational in 81 spaces, with an internal and external upgrade on the way.

It is not just air conditioning; solar power is also on the way. The Palaszczuk government also committed to expand solar panel installations on our state school rooftops over three years to power that air conditioning. I will give members a couple of highlights: at Bounty Boulevard State School there is a massive 528 panels to be installed; Deception Bay State High School has had 270 panels installed; and work will commence at North Lakes State College in 2021.

I acknowledge Councillor Jodie Shipway and her husband Mark in the gallery here tonight. Jodie represents North Lakes and is a great councillor. Through her advocacy, council will build a new playground in parkland in Endeavour Boulevard funded by the Palaszczuk government's Community Stimulus Program and the COVID Works for Queensland program. It is an area where there is a lot of kids living in townhouses and they really need an opportunity for active recreation. This playground will feature a double swing, a carousel, a fort structure and fitness equipment. There will also be park furniture including a shelter, a circuit or tricycle path and soffit and dense landscaping as well. This outlines just a few of the ways that this government is delivering for the people of our area.