




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GPs in Schools; FamilyLinQ

 **Hon. G GRACE** (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (9.50 am): As the Premier said, our GP in schools pilot will be a game changer for Queensland students. It will give our young people access to a doctor on school grounds with appointments free of charge.

Today the Premier announced the 50 high schools that will benefit from this program—not 20 but 50. These schools are spread across the length and breadth of the state and include Murgon State High School in the member for Nanango's electorate, Spinifex State College in the member for Traeger's electorate and Currumbin Community Special School in the member for Currumbin's electorate. All MPs have been advised of the 50 schools in their electorates. I look forward to seeing these GP clinics in action as I visit schools across Queensland.

As the Premier said, delivering quality health care and education for all Queenslanders is what good Labor governments do best. Today it is my pleasure to announce that we are establishing two new integrated community hubs at Kingston State School in the electorate of Woodridge and at the new Logan Reserve primary school in the electorate of Logan. The hubs are an exciting new model that will bring education, health and community services together under one roof.

The Palaszczuk government is investing up to \$19 million to build these hubs, with the Kingston hub opening in 2023 and the Logan Reserve hub opening in 2024. These school based hubs will be known as FamilyLinQ, and they are the first of their kind in Queensland. The hubs will also enable parents to engage in adult education and training programs to build their skills and qualifications. FamilyLinQ supports the strong work we have been doing to give all children a great start by connecting school communities to services and programs enabling them to thrive.

I am also pleased to announce today that we are partnering with the Bryan Foundation to deliver FamilyLinQ. It is great to have Bryan Foundation Managing Director Geoff McMahon here in the gallery this morning. On behalf of the House, I welcome Geoff. We look forward to working with your team. The Bryan Foundation is generously investing \$10 million over 10 years to provide engagement and coordination staff at each site, as well as program development—an exciting project indeed.

Not only does this initiative support our school communities but also it is contributing to our economic recovery. Construction and operation of the two hubs will support ongoing local jobs. We look forward to this exciting design outcome as well. I have no doubt that this initiative will make a positive difference to the lives of local families in the Logan area and broader area and provide a model for the future. Welcome, Geoff and the Bryan Foundation.