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 **Mr KING** (Kurwongbah—ALP) (7.03 pm): I rise tonight to talk about what is going on in the schools across my electorate of Kurwongbah. I will just flag that, like my updates on local infrastructure projects, I might need a part 2 because there are so many good things going on. I will start in the north with a shout-out to St Eugene College, which brought the year 6 classes into parliament for a visit this month. I came in to have a chat with them and I was blown away by the calibre of the questions the students asked and the thought that obviously went into them. I am hoping to catch up with students from Genesis Christian College during their visit to parliament in the next sitting week.

Moving on to Burpengary State School, last month they opened their much anticipated years 2 and 3 play areas—the member for Bancroft will be very happy with that—complete with the all-essential handball courts and basketball courts, along with new pathways that greatly improve school access for people with prams and mobility issues. As part of this over \$150,000 project, new bench seats have been installed where parents and carers can wait at school pick-up time. I am really looking forward to getting along to Burpengary State School soon to have a look in person and to hear what is next on their wish list.

Moving down to Narangba, there is so much to report on. Narangba Valley State High School was recently awarded almost \$30,000 in a Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant to purchase new kitchen equipment. I cannot wait to see what they come up with and I wish them all the best for their showcase awards this week.

Congratulations to Narangba Valley State School for being awarded a Woolworths Junior Landcare grant earlier this year. A special thanks to Chappy Rosalie, who spearheaded the Resilience Retreat project, with a composting corner and bees. Restrictions have delayed arrangements, but I hope to pop over before the end of the year to see the progress on this long-term vision that I am proud to have supported.

At Narangba State School, work will soon be underway on our election commitment for a \$50,000 new pathway to provide disability access to the administration building. Our commitment to fund two new crossing supervisor positions has improved school road safety this year with a new school crossing on Mumford Road.

At Kurwongbah State School recently we hosted the Treasurer. That was a lot of fun. We watched some robots racing and crashing into each other. I am going there next week to look at their new NAIDOC garden.

I will leave my update on Jinibara and other schools in the south for another speech. I have some other things to say.

The Petrie State School Twilight Markets are on this Friday, 15 October from 3 pm. There will be markets, food vans and inflatable fun. I hope everyone comes along. I will be there cooking sausages.

Something else I need to talk about today is the Redcliffe Dolphins' successful bid. I wore my Dolphins tie today. I am not saying that is what put them over the line. Seriously, there has been a lot of hard work involved. To Tony Murphy, Bob Jones, Terry and the whole team: congratulations. I think the NRL made the best choice. I and all of my Moreton Bay colleagues are quite happy about that. It is sad for the Firehawks and Jets, but I hope they will all become Dolphin supporters and get on board with the best new team in the NRL.