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 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts) (7.22 pm): I am fortunate to have 11 fantastic schools within my electorate of Algester. These schools all support a safe, supportive and welcoming learning environment for students to grow, and it has been my pleasure to work with and visit these schools frequently during my time as the local member.

Education is essential, and every year I am inspired by the intelligence and tenacity of our young people. Our schools play a critical role in equipping students with the necessary skills and environment in which to learn. That is why I am proud to be part of a Palaszczuk government that values education and the space that our students learn in. With the Advancing Clean Energy Schools program, the installation of air conditioning in every classroom as well as new play equipment, learning areas and security infrastructure, the list of support is vast.

The state government is supercharging our schools' energy efficiency with hundreds of solar panels being installed. In the Algester electorate, there are numerous schools that have had solar panels installed. Calamvale Special School received 270 solar panels, Calamvale Community College received 810 and Acacia Ridge State School received 126. There are 108 solar panels for Watson Road State School and 303 at Algester State School. Installing solar panels in schools is just one of the ways the Palaszczuk government is delivering cheaper, cleaner and secure energy and supporting our plan to have 70 per cent of Queensland's energy supply sourced from renewables by 2032.

Across the electorate of Algester, millions of dollars have been allocated to support infrastructure projects. Most recently, Calamvale Special School was awarded \$18.5 million for a new multistorey learning centre to deliver new classrooms and play spaces. This funding is in addition to the almost \$62,000 provided to install an outdoor sensory playground for students to learn and play. Next door at Calamvale Community College, an investment of \$9.8 million has seen the construction of a two-storey learning centre with learning spaces for robotics and electronics, design, arts, offices, amenities and a new performing arts area complete with a recording room, green room and editing room.

At Acacia Ridge State School, the Palaszczuk government has delivered on its \$150,000 election commitment with the completion of two playgrounds. There was also \$700,000 committed to installing a brand new security fence which has transformed the grounds. I have been able to speak with parents and staff who are thrilled to have this new addition for student safety. Acacia Ridge State School will also see \$850,000 to refurbish their J block. At Watson Road State School, the Palaszczuk government has also provided funding for a school security fence worth \$490,000. Algester State School has completed a \$750,000 refurbishment of their administration block, and installation of a new \$700,000 security fence looks absolutely fantastic. It is always a privilege to visit schools across the Algester electorate but with these upgrades it is extra special. I congratulate all of the schools and I look forward to seeing them throughout the term.