




Speech By
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Pine Rivers Electorate

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (7.14 pm): Mount Samson State School leaders Abigail, Tom, Olivia and Georgia today joined Mrs Jodie Beverley to visit the people's house. Their visit included a tour, lunch, a local member catch-up and viewing the protesters. Everything was outshone when they ran into the Premier in the corridor and got to meet her in person.

On Thursday, 10 March, I joined with the team of Bray Park State High School and the wider community where, representing our fantastic education Minister Grace Grace, I had the particular honour of officially opening the new innovation centre. The two-storey teaching block has 20 general learning areas, robotics, STEM and science laboratories. The building was designed by Tanya Mathers Architecture. Tanya is a local Pine Rivers girl, and she did a sensational job incorporating practical design and beautiful architecture into the structure. It looks perfectly at home at the campus. The project supported 37 jobs and 35 apprentices, including students who took part in the construction process through work experience placements, with several of these students going on to secure apprenticeships—including Daniel, an apprenticeship sparky with Adco, who was present at the event. With the help of Cram from It's Rocket Science Adventures, rockets literally launched the building and with it so many exciting, innovative partnerships with industry and varied stakeholders across our community. Congratulations to Principal Peter Turner and the leadership at the school on delivering the sensational new learning space.

Proposed safety works have been occurring along Samford Road from Camp Mountain to Lomandra Park to improve the surface of the road over recent weeks. When the initial safety works were put to my community, including the removal of the westbound overtaking lane, I received 324 separate community responses about it: 250 opposed the removal of the overtaking lane and 27 supported it. I have conveyed this sentiment to the department through several meetings, and I am working with them on a sensible, workable solution. While the road surface is getting a shot blasting treatment to improve the skid resistance of the road surface, the technique of shot blasting is environmentally friendly and provides a cost-effective method to deliver safety improvements. I appreciate that while there is a desire to have a safer road, particularly in light of the fatalities seen along it, the approach needs to meet community need. I will continue to advocate on behalf of my community, along with the Minister for Main Roads, for sensible solutions so we can make the road safer into the future. The initial works also included many safety upgrades which I am still hopeful we can deliver for the community while keeping that overtaking lane in place along Samford Road. That is hard work we will continue to do in conjunction with the community to ensure we can come up with a sensible and workable solution.