



Speech By  
**Hon. Grace Grace**


**MEMBER FOR MCCONNEL**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS**

### **Budget, Education Infrastructure**

 **Hon. G GRACE** (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (9.47 am): As we embark on the biggest decade of infrastructure delivery in Queensland's history with our Big Build, I am thrilled that education is playing its part with a \$2.1 billion education infrastructure investment in this budget to deliver new schools, halls, classrooms and facilities right across the state. This is part of our record-breaking \$17.8 billion education budget. We are certainly delivering in spades for the students of Queensland and their families, as well as supporting 3,700 jobs in the process.

Our \$2.1 billion investment is in addition to the \$723 million already announced for new schools like the primary schools opening in 2024 at Redland Bay in Redlands and Bellbird Park where I turned the sod last week with the member for Borumba—sorry, the member for Bundamba—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Ms GRACE:** Bundamba. Works had already started, but it was great being there turning the sod.

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**Ms GRACE:** I love the way they get excited when I give a ministerial statement; it really thrills me. There is also \$357 million for new general and specialist learning spaces at schools like Broadbeach State School in Mermaid Beach, Jamboree Heights State High School in Mount Ommaney, Burpengary Meadows State School in Morayfield and Moggill State School in Moggill.

Our playgrounds and tuckshops upgrade program has been expanded by a further \$29 million in this budget following a large oversubscription of the first round. Sixty schools have shared in \$20 million for the first round of this program with money for playgrounds at Riverview State School in Bundamba; Coppabella State School in the Burdekin; Tagai State College, Yorke Island campus in Cook; and Woorabinda State School in Gregory. We will have upgraded tuckshop projects at Silkwood State School in Hill—

**Mr Millar** interjected.

**Ms GRACE:** I cannot keep a secret; the member for Gregory is a very good member. I was going to say something else but I will not. We will also have projects at Murgon State High School in Nanango, Allenstown State School in Rocky and Harlaxton State School in Toowoomba North. I am pleased the budget has a \$259 million investment for another 18 halls including at William Ross State High School in Mundingburra, Kenmore State High School in Moggill, Kedron State High School in Clayfield—and I know that will be really well received—and Toowoomba North State School in Toowoomba North.

I am really pleased that education is continuing to play its part in the housing space. The budget delivers \$48.3 million over three years to provide housing for teachers in rural and remote communities, including transportable modular housing where supply is limited. We also have \$430 million to maintain

and modernise our existing schools and a \$1 billion rolling fund, thanks to the Treasurer, to allow the department access to funds it needs to purchase land to deliver school infrastructure at the right time in the right location in the fastest growing areas of Queensland. Queensland's Big Build, including our investment in education, will deliver world-class school facilities for kids wherever they are. They deserve nothing less.

I am sure everyone in the House will join me in wishing all our cleaners a very happy School Cleaners Day and all our support staff a happy School Support Staff Recognition Week, all of whom just received a pay rise and even better working conditions thanks to our new enterprise bargaining agreements that were certified recently. Happy School Cleaners Day and School Support Staff Recognition Week.