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 **Mr MADDEN** (Ipswich West—ALP) (2.47 pm): On 8 September I had the honour of representing the Minister for Education, Grace Grace, at the turning of the first sod for the new learning centre at Rosewood State High School, which is scheduled to be open by June 2024. Also in attendance were Acting Principal Neil Lloyd; P&C President Jen McLellan; Business Services Manager Narelle Niemeyer; deputy principals Michelle Pryor-Ball and Darren Lovey; school captains Levi Hartigan, Lara Munday and Ethan Ingledew; Jack Hutchinson Jnr, director at Hutchinson Builders; Jackson Munn, a second-year apprentice with Hutchinson Builders; and Laurence Taylor, the senior project coordinator ISD.

The new learning centre will include six learning spaces, a staffroom and associated spaces, staff and student amenities, storage areas, a lift and an undercroft with capacity for future infill. In addition to the new learning centre, the project includes upgrades to the school's bus bay and the construction of a new car park for students, staff and visitors. The 2023-24 state budget allocated \$14.5 million for the project, with a total estimated expenditure of \$16 million. However, the new Rosewood State High School learning centre is just one of three major projects planned or under construction in the Rosewood area.

Not far away from Rosewood State High School is the Rosewood Police Station. Tenders have been called for a new police station. The 2023-24 state budget provided funding of \$1,875,000 for 2023, with a total expenditure of \$4 million. The proposed works include demolition of the existing police station, relocation of the police residence, the construction of a new single-storey police station building, new vehicle crossovers, car parking and landscaping. Importantly, the new police station will accommodate the transition to a 24-hour station in the future. It is fantastic to see this critical project moving forward. Our Queensland Police Service personnel spend their days protecting our community, and they deserve the very best facilities. I thank the Minister for Police, Mark Ryan, for backing this project as well as Deputy Premier Steven Miles for recently giving the project ministerial infrastructure designation.

Not far away from Rosewood, at Walloon State School work has begun for a new learning centre, with funding of \$4,519,000 in 2023 and a total spend of \$5,200,000. The proposed works include refurbishment of existing buildings, construction of a new two-storey general learning area building, a single-storey administration building and outdoor sports courts and playing areas. Importantly, the works will increase the school student enrolment capacity by 169 students—from 284 students to 453 students. This is fantastic news for the Walloon community.