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Upper Mount Gravatt State School

 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (7.20 pm): I rise tonight to highlight the significant investment made in the infrastructure at Upper Mount Gravatt State School since I was elected in 2017, a stark contrast between the current initiatives and the dark days of the former LNP government. During that time as a principal, I witnessed firsthand the devastating impact of their cut, sack and sell agenda. Six schools were shut and sold, resources were brutally slashed and 500 teacher positions were cut.

The commitment to improving educational facilities at Upper Mount Gravatt State School demonstrates our Labor government's dedication to providing high-quality learning environments for students in my community. Under this Labor government, there has been a transformation in the educational landscape at Upper Mount Gravatt State School. The commitment to improving educational facilities at this great school exemplifies our dedication to providing high-quality learning environments for the students in my community.

Since being elected, more than \$18.3 million has been allocated to new and improved infrastructure at Upper Mount Gravatt State School, signalling our unwavering support for educational excellence. One of the most notable projects at Upper Mount Gravatt State School is the construction of the brand new \$8 million building that replaced the classrooms damaged during the fire in 2018. Further, a \$566,000 multipurpose sports facility has provided students with access to modern sporting facilities, enhancing their physical education experiences. Additionally, the installation of a 2.1 metre high security fence around the perimeter of the school, funded through the Prioritised Nominated Project program, has ensured the safety and security of students and staff. Further enhancements to recreational facilities include the refurbished tennis court, the construction of handball courts and the installation of athletics pits.

Looking towards the future, the Upper Mount Gravatt State School is set to benefit from the construction of a new student drop-off area and staff car park, providing much needed infrastructure to support the school community. This \$715,000 project will be completed later this year. In addition to these physical infrastructure improvements, I am proud to be part of the Labor government that is investing in school resources and jobs to ensure our next generation emerges as the best and brightest. Labor recognises the transformative power of education. We stand firmly behind our exceptional teachers and our school staff.

The investment in education infrastructure at Upper Mount Gravatt State School reflects our Labor government's ongoing commitment to providing high-quality learning environments for students in my community. I commend the Department of Education for their great work. I am certainly eager to witness the positive impacts these investments will continue to have on the future generations in the Mansfield electorate.