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ADJOURNMENT

Stretton State College, Traffic

 **Mr MARTIN** (Stretton—ALP) (9.11 pm): Tonight I rise to express the growing frustration of my community on an issue that affects thousands: the pick-up and drop-off nightmare at Stretton State College. Over many years I have advocated strongly for Stretton State College. Under the former Labor government we achieved millions of dollars in additional funding for new classrooms, science labs, a performing arts centre and the recently expanded sports hall. Sadly, since the LNP Crisafulli government was elected Stretton State College has received no additional funding for infrastructure. This is appalling, particularly given the additional support that is required to address the parking and drop-off situation at the school.

This Monday the *Courier-Mail* reported that parents at Stretton State College are fed up with parking fines, road rage and fights at drop-off and pick-up times, with some fearing a child may be injured or killed amidst the chaos. I table that article.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Courier-Mail*, dated 17 November 2025, titled 'Stretton State College: Parents fined, fears for kids in drop-off' [1828](#).

This has also led to the farcical situation where recently more than 20 parents were fined \$333 by the Brisbane City Council, despite being directed by teachers to stop near a two-minute zone and wait for their children.

Stretton State College now has around 3,500 students enrolled across two campuses separated by Gowan Road. It is one of the largest and fastest growing schools in Queensland, but the council roads around the school have not kept pace with that growth and the result is clear: chronic traffic congestion with queues that stretch hundreds of metres, unsafe crossings and near misses during peak periods that occur far too often. The LNP council have been happy to approve developments in the catchment area and pocket DA fees and rates but have not spent any of that on their streets or their car park.

Earlier this year I wrote to the Minister for Education requesting a comprehensive assessment of major upgrades around the school, including: a pedestrian overpass across Gowan Road, similar to Brisbane State High School and Mabel Park, which were both built by the Queensland government, as Stretton State College is one of only a few P-12 schools with a busy road right down the middle of it; a ring-road around the junior campus; and expanded parking and drop-off capacity across both campuses. Unfortunately, the response I received largely blamed the Brisbane City Council. Equally, when Councillor Emily Kim, councillor for Calamvale, raised the issue with the council, the council blamed the state government, so it is very disappointing.

The parents and families of Stretton State College are disappointed with the blame game. We want to end the blame game. We need the council and the state government to sit down and come up with solutions to improve the safety of the Stretton State College pick-up and drop-off zones. That is something my community deserves.