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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (2.28 pm): It has been a busy time on the northern Gold Coast with some exciting events taking place. We saw the official opening of the Pimpama Train Station where I was joined by the Minister for Transport and Main Roads, Brent Mickelberg, and—wait for it—Queensland Rail CEO Kat Stapleton. It was promised before the 2017 election and it took them eight years to deliver it. The Crisafulli government's permanent 50-cent fares were a big win for commuters on the northern Gold Coast with Pimpama station finally opening, together with the extended bus services. One notable addition is the Halcyon Greens over-50s bus service, which was not provided by those opposite for some strange reason that I still cannot work out.

I attended Pimpama State School during this busy time for a World Teachers' Day catch-up. I was joined by teachers who were receiving their long service awards for 10, 15 and 20 years service. We also discussed the delivery of the Pimpama State School tuckshop—a promise I made at the 2024 election. I visited the current tuckshop and discussed the location of the new \$2 million facility that will be delivered this term.

Again this year I awarded the Michael Crandon MP Bursary. This year I congratulate our recipients: Kai Dale from Pimpama State Secondary College and Emily White from Kings Christian College at Pimpama. The bursary will help them both pursue their future studies.

Having met with principal Paul Easton for a tour of St Joseph's College a while ago, I represented the Minister for Education and the Arts, Hon. John-Paul Langbroek, earlier this week for the official blessing of yet another project with more than \$20 million contributed by the Queensland government for stages 3 and 4.

I recently attended Pimpama State Secondary College for a tour of the new extension of basketball courts and school hall with the college principal, Megan Roderick. We are looking forward to seeing the new playground and water bubblers that are on their way—another promise made at the 2024 election being delivered this term.

I arranged a meeting at Esuarve to introduce Volo's Mitchell Phillips. Mitch spent time speaking to students about what an employer is looking for in hiring a good employee. Esuarve are doing an amazing job with our at-risk youth, and partnerships with local businesses are a big part of that success.

I also recently attended the official opening of the Hub located at Coomera Anglican College, again representing the Minister for Education, John-Paul Langbroek. The Hub is an amazing addition to a college that is delivering for our fast-growing student cohort on the northern Gold Coast.

There is so much more to say, but I am out of time. It has been a busy few weeks and a busy year, but we are just getting started.