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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (2.39 pm): I rise to provide the House with an update on the election commitments to our schools on the northern Gold Coast, where more than 20,000 young people go to school every day. Back in 2009, when I came into office, there were only nine schools on the northern Gold Coast. There are now 23 schools and a 24th school is slated to come along in the next couple of years. We certainly need those schools to house more than 20,000 students. When you consider the growth that has occurred, we need them. The nearest electorate as far as student numbers is concerned has around 14,000 students, so we are well and truly above average as we are 35 per cent over quota with the number of people wanting to live on the northern Gold Coast, one of the most wonderful parts of the world. I describe it as 'where heaven meets earth'.

Of the eight school election commitments made in the Coomera electorate, four commitments have now been delivered. Three further projects are under construction and remain on track for delivery by term 2 of 2026, with earlier delays due to supply constraints and wet weather. The final commitment, a new canteen at Pimpama State School, has received additional funding of \$1.24 million, bringing the total project value to \$2.24 million. Construction is forecast to commence following contract awards in term 3 of 2026, with completion expected in term 1 of 2027. This school has been suffering because its very small canteen was suitable for around 200 students and they now have more than 800 students, so it is a great investment for that school.

The latest two projects we have delivered include: Norfolk Village State School, a \$450,000 project for open space and a nature playground that was delivered 4 February; and Pimpama State Primary College, \$200,000 for a new Ninja Warrior Senior School Playground that was delivered 5 February 2026 with a further \$5,000 contribution from the school. Minor turf reinstatement is still underway, with temporary fencing expected to remain for approximately another week or so. From that perspective, it is all done and dusted. The other two projects that were delivered include: Coomera River State School, \$450,000 for oval seating and a shade sail delivered 5 December last year; and Ormeau State School, \$450,000 for a shade structure for their multipurpose courts delivered 12 December.

This is all about providing positive learning environments for our young people. It is so important to make sure that our young people look forward to going to school and learning.