

**Question on Notice  
No. 148  
Asked on 22 April 2004**

MS STONE asked the Minister for Education and the Arts (Ms Bligh) –

With reference to Logan/Beaudesert district being a trial site for the education and training reforms for the future–

What benefit does she foresee the trial bringing to schools in the district, in particular, schools in the Springwood Electorate?

ANSWER:

The release of the *Education and Training Reforms for the Future: A White Paper* means that young people in the Logan-Beaudesert area will have enhanced education and training opportunities.

In July 2003, trials of the ETRF reforms to the senior phase of learning commenced in Logan-Beaudesert. Two trial schools, Shailer Park State High School and John Paul College fall within the Springwood electorate.

\$987 000 in extra funds have been allocated over three years (2003-04 to 2005-06) to Logan-Beaudesert for strategies to improve participation, retention and attainment in education, training and employment identified within the local District Youth Achievement Plan (DYAP).

A central component of ETRF is the introduction of Senior Education and Training (SET) Plans for all Year 10 students. Schools found that the SET Plan process enabled students to make a more appropriate selection of their Year 11 subjects.

As part of the Education and Training Reforms package, \$5.5m for VET coordination and career enhancement has been allocated over three years from 2003-04 to 2005-06 to all state and non-state schools and TAFE institutes with enrolments of students aged 15 to 17 years.

The first of these grants payments was made in October 2003. Logan-Beaudesert schools received a total of \$87 819.

Schools and TAFE institutes were able to use their funds for the coordination of vocational education and training and the enhancement of career guidance counselling. These grants could also be used to assist schools in the completion of their SET Plans and registration of young people with the Queensland Studies Authority.

Furthermore, in Logan-Beaudesert, four Youth Support Coordinators are working within the local school communities with training providers and community support organisations to respond to issues presented by young people that might prevent them from successfully moving to, or completing, their senior phase of learning. Additional Youth Support Coordinators will be appointed to the area within the next 12 months.

Among the key initiatives identified in the DYAP is a program that has been implemented for at risk students in Logan-Beenleigh schools who would benefit from

a vocational pathway that leads to an apprenticeship or traineeship or other employment outcome.

Another strategy identified in the DYAP and supported by grants funding is the Fresh Starts Program. Opportunities exist for schools to offer Fresh Starts Programs for young people seeking complementary, flexible learning pathways in Logan-Beenleigh. Six Fresh Starts Trials are underway across the Logan-Beaudesert District.

In addition, the Logan Institute of TAFE and Logan-Beaudesert schools are working together to deliver quality vocational outcomes for students through:

- collaborative professional development for teachers
- identification of appropriate delivery strategies and assessment instruments
- development of appropriate resources.

During 2004, a symposium for leaders of change within Logan-Beaudesert secondary schools will be held to examine issues including how to effectively work across education and training sectors and how to form primary/secondary school partnerships.