

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 266**

**Asked on 6 March 2007**

**MR DICKSON** asked The Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford)—

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to the issue of traffic congestion at the Chancellor State College Primary Campus caused by the addition of approximately 60 prep year students and in particular to correspondence received by the school from him suggesting that the increase in traffic is not a problem because of the “Safe School Travel” program and that parents are no longer required to walk their children into school to sign them in, and in considering that both solutions are inappropriate for younger prep age children—

- (1) What solutions that are relevant to very young children, are being considered by the department so that parents can escort their children into the school?
- (2) What action is the department taking to provide extra parking and access to parking at the school?
- (3) Why has he consistently denied any Education Queensland responsibility for the program?

### **ANSWER:**

I am surprised the Member is not better informed about these matters as this is one of the bigger schools in his electorate. Many of the assertions in his question are wrong. For example, there has been an increase of 12 additional students from preschool in 2006 to Prep in 2007, not ‘approximately 60’ as he claims.

Certainly, I have never suggested the traffic issues at Chancellor State College are ‘not a problem’. In my correspondence to the school (December 2006), I pointed out the efforts being made to alleviate congestion around the precinct. Education Queensland has worked with the P&C at Chancellor State College Primary campus to explore options to reduce traffic flow, including alternative parking options for parents, the development of pathways/bikeways in collaboration with the local community, the University of the Sunshine Coast and the Maroochy Shire.

Through the university master planning process, discussions have been held for the extension of Scholars Drive to provide for improved traffic flow and extra parking. As you would be aware, traffic matters, including parking, at Chancellor State College Primary campus are primarily the responsibility of the local authority, the Maroochy Shire Council, and Queensland Police.