

Question on Notice

No. 741

Asked on 23 May 2007

Mr Choi asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the State Government's commitment to reducing obesity across Queensland —

Will he advise the benefits of the Eat Well and Be Healthy program for the people living in Alexandra Hills, Capalaba and Birkdale, including school students at Birkdale South State School?

ANSWER:

The \$10m *Eat Well Be Active – Queensland Community Partnerships Grants Program* was one of the major initiatives announced at the Queensland Obesity Summit convened by the Premier in May 2006. The Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation is administering this grants program.

The program offers grants of up to \$50 000 to promote healthy eating and increase physical activity at the local level. Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport, Andrew Fraser announced 115 successful projects on 11 May 2007.

As a result of these grants, I am pleased to advise that the people living in Alexandra Hills, Capalaba and Birkdale areas will benefit from \$50 000 in state funding to implement whole-of-school physical activity programs and integrate healthy eating strategies into the school curriculum. Birkdale South State School and 25 other primary schools across the Metropolitan East School Sport Region are participating in this project.

In addition, students, local sporting groups and parents of school communities from Hilliard, Alexandra Hills, Birkdale South and Vienna Woods State Schools and Alexandra Hills State High School received \$10 000 from my department's Smart and Healthy Schools Grants in 2005. The Alexandra Hills Education Precinct project integrated physical activity into the curriculum, provided after-school skills workshops, hosted school cluster days and encouraged regular physical activity in students, parents and teachers.