

Question on Notice

No. 1708

Asked on 12 November 2008

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

QUESTION: Will he advise what his department's policy will be (from the commencement of the new school year) regarding staggered starting times for Queensland schools?

ANSWER:

2009 promises to be another exciting year for our state school students. This will be the Year of Creativity; we will be rolling out the Solar Schools program; we will be holding our biggest Creative Generation performance, involving over 3 500 state school students; as well as continuing to provide a first-rate quality education for all.

When students do return to school for the new year, as has always been the case, primary school students will all return at the start of the first day of school. Principals at our secondary schools will continue to have the opportunity to stagger the start of school over the first two days. This allows the high schools some flexible timetabling to ensure a smooth transition from primary to secondary for our year eight students.