

Question on Notice

No. 485

Asked on 6 August 2013

Mr Davies asked the Minister for Education, Training and Employment (MR LANGBROEK)–

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline how state schools in the electorate of Capalaba can benefit by becoming an Independent Public School.

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

The *Independent Public School* initiative is a key election commitment of the Newman Government and is aimed at improving student outcomes by giving schools greater control over their decision making, cutting red tape and removing layers of management.

While there are currently no Independent Public Schools in the electorate of Capalaba, 26 schools commenced as Independent Public Schools in other parts of the State in 2013 and the program will be extended to 120 schools over four years.

By becoming an Independent Public School, schools from the Capalaba Electorate will have greater autonomy to better respond to the needs of their students and local community.

Independent Public Schools have the freedom to shape and deliver innovative educational practices and the flexibility to structure curriculum offerings that maximise student outcomes. They also have greater autonomy to manage and use infrastructure and financial resources and the freedom to directly recruit staff.

Independent Public Schools are supported by a one-off \$50,000 grant to assist in their transition to become an Independent Public School. They also receive a further \$50,000 in funding each year in administration costs.

Independent Public Schools continue to benefit from the strengths of the Queensland state education system and operate within the same core values, beliefs and priorities.

Expressions of interest to become an Independent Public School in 2014 closed on 30 August 2013. I expect that an announcement about newly selected Independent Public Schools will be made in October 2013.