

Question on Notice

No. 55

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MR R MOLHOEK ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to the rise in annual student numbers being experienced currently at Gold Coast schools—

Will the Minister advise what capital contributions, contained in the 2020-21 Capital Statements, have, or will be made to state schools in the Southport Electorate, including at the following schools (a) Ashmore State School, (b) Bellevue Park State School, (c) Benowa State School, (d) Benowa State High School, (e) Keebra Park State High School and (f) Southport State School?

ANSWER:

In 2020–21, the Palaszczuk Government is investing \$1.954 billion (GST exclusive) into state school infrastructure.

The Department of Education's capital works planning targets priorities by considering population growth, changes in educational needs and addresses high-priority needs for student and staff health and safety.

The Palaszczuk Government opened Foxwell State Secondary College at the start of 2020, Gainsborough State School at the start of 2021, and is currently constructing a new special school at Coomera to open in 2022.

As part of the \$433 million initiative to build 46 new classroom or administration buildings under the *Great Schools, Great Future* policy, additional accommodation to address growth has been funded at Ormeau Woods State High School, Pacific Pines State High School, Palm Beach State School and Picnic Creek State School.

Investments in the Southport electorate in 2020–21 include:

- \$1.4 million to fund the installation of solar panels and air conditioning;
- \$0.53 million to fund the refurbishment of the Prep outdoor learning space at Southport State School;
- \$0.24 million to fund a replacement roof at Keebra Park State High School; and
- \$0.87 million to fund maintenance and school minor works across all state schools.

The breakdown of these investments by school is outlined in the table at **Attachment 1**.

The department will continue to monitor enrolment growth and patterns on the Gold Coast to ensure that all students have access to a high-quality education.

ATTACHMENT 1

Breakdown of investments by school in the Southport electorate

School	Advancing Clean Energy Schools program for solar installations	Cooler Cleaner Schools Program	Other Capital Works programs	Maintenance and School Minor Works programs	Total
Ashmore State School	140,866	0	0	88,694	229,560
Bellevue Park State School	131,951	320,972	0	70,586	523,509
Benowa State High School	0	30,270	0	203,289	233,559
Benowa State School	0	138,520	0	162,518	301,038
Keebra Park State High School	0	585,000	238,000	139,466	962,466
Queensland Academy for Health Sciences	0	0	0	138,595	138,595
Southport State School	0	53,647	530,000	65,157	648,804
Total	272,817	1,128,409	768,000	868,305	3,037,531

NOTE: All figures in table are GST exclusive.