

Question on Notice

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QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) if the project manager for the installation of air-conditioning at Nerang State High School was replaced before completion of the work and what steps were taken to engage a new project manager, (b) for what reason was this change made and (c) when is it now expected the air-conditioning will be installed?

ANSWER:

Reaching completion at the end of June 2022, the \$477 million *Cooler Cleaner Schools Program* (CCSP) will provide air conditioning to Queensland state school classrooms, libraries and staff rooms in some 650 state schools, making an additional 10,000 classrooms cooler and more comfortable.

Under the CCSP, Nerang State High School will benefit with the installation of air conditioning to 51 spaces.

The assignment of project managers is the responsibility of QBuild, as the CCSP program manager. Project officers may change during a project due to a range of operational or personal circumstances.

Both internal and external electrical network upgrades are required at Nerang State High School. The Department of Education is now progressing with the procurement strategy for the electrical upgrade and air conditioning works at the school. Work will be designed and procured such that electrical upgrades are completed before air conditioning is installed.

Electrical upgrades are often required when new infrastructure is installed at a school. For example, the department typically undertakes an electrical upgrade when a new learning centre is built or new infrastructure is added to a school's network. The electrical upgrade requirements are identified through a formal electrical assessment.

Many electrical upgrades must be scheduled on weekends and school holiday periods if there is a need to have zero occupancy at the time of the upgrade. Further detail regarding the timing for electrical upgrades and installation of air conditioning will be known when the procurement strategy is finalised and approved.

Further information on the CCSP is available at <https://www.qed.qld.gov.au/programs-initiatives/departments/building-education/major-projects-and-initiatives/air-conditioning>.