

**Question on Notice**

**No. 868**

**Asked on 17 June 2021**

**MR D PURDIE** ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what funding has been allocated in the budget to improve education facilities at Coolum State School, where students are being taught in hot, asbestos-lined classrooms and classrooms which can't be accessed due to flooding issues in the wet season?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to ensuring all students attending state schools have access to quality facilities.

At Coolum State School, the Department of Education recently completed a \$250,000 refurbishment of six learning spaces, with works to replace the roof of the Resource Centre completed during the June/July 2021 school holidays.

Coolum State School will also benefit from the *Cooler Cleaner Schools Program* with new air conditioning to be installed to 47 spaces.

As per our previous announcement, this program is on track for completion by June 2022.

The department has confirmed that an electrical upgrade is required at Coolum State School to support new air conditioning and is now progressing with procurement for the air conditioning and related electrical upgrade works at the school.

To support the school with their flooding issues, the department funded a site survey and design plan for flood mitigation. The department will continue to work with Coolum State School to implement strategies to rectify overland flow issues at the school.