

Question on Notice
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MR T WATTS ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to Fairview Heights State School—

Will the Minister advise the status and projected timeline of an upgrade to the parking and pick up facilities at Fairview Heights State School?

ANSWER:

When considering new infrastructure projects for school facilities, such as additional parking, the Department of Education works with principals to develop a list of priorities through a School Strategic Infrastructure Plan (SSIP).

The SSIP is the department's primary method for identifying and prioritising important facility needs for each Queensland state school. Fairview Heights State School currently lists the provision of additional parking spaces as a priority on their SSIP.

The department has engaged consultants to develop a concept design for additional staff car parking on school grounds to alleviate demand for on-street parking.

This nominated project, along with all other infrastructure project nominations received by the department, will be rigorously assessed and prioritised against other proposed investments across the State, including those needed to accommodate population growth, for possible inclusion in future budget processes.

The Fairview Heights State School community is currently serviced by a designated pick-up and set-down zone and 32 car parking spaces external to the school's eastern boundary on McDougall Street, Toowoomba. This zone and parking area fall under the responsibility of the Toowoomba Regional Council. In addition, there are 46 formed staff car parking spaces located on the school grounds, with additional unformed car parking spaces adjacent to Blocks Q and R available for staff parking.

The department will continue to support Fairview Heights State School to explore funding options for additional car parking infrastructure.