

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1347**  
**Asked on 10 November 2022**

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how many of the built capacity student places at public schools in the Southport Electorate, as at August 2022, are supported or made available by temporary or demountable classrooms or buildings (reported separately for each school)?

ANSWER:

The Department of Education uses a mix of permanent, prefabricated and hire buildings at school sites.

Hire and prefabricated buildings are used for a number of reasons, including providing facilities lost through natural disasters, fires and other events; providing additional classrooms to meet unexpected enrolment growth; and to meet peaks in student enrolments over the life of a school.

Prefabricated buildings provide high-quality facilities and the same comfort and classroom functionality as conventional facilities, with the advantage of being fabricated and installed within shorter timeframes.

There are no temporary hire buildings in the Southport Electorate.

The department regularly monitors the age and functionality of prefabricated buildings to ensure they continue to meet educational requirements.

As outlined in the table below, four of the seven state schools located in the Southport Electorate are currently using prefabricated building solutions to meet local needs:

School Name	Number of prefabricated buildings	Built capacity of prefabricated buildings
Ashmore State School	3	159
Bellevue Park State School	0	NA
Benowa State High School	16	795 <sup>1</sup>
Benowa State School	2	106
Keebra Park State High School	0	NA
Queensland Academy for Health Sciences	0	NA
Southport State School	3	132

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<sup>1</sup> Built capacity reflects the prefabricated buildings' current utilisation as learning spaces