

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the new Master Plan for Coolum State School—

Will the Minister outline what funding will be allocated to complete the urgent upgrades that are needed to provide a safe and adequate learning environment for students?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to ensuring that schools are maintained to an appropriate standard and provide a safe and comfortable environment for all students.

Master planning is undertaken by the Department of Education for schools with multiple interrelated issues that require a holistic approach to planning. These plans are high-level concept documents that are used to guide development or expansion of the master planned school, to most effectively utilise available space and meet the specific needs of the school.

The master plan for Coolum State School will be completed prior to the start of the 2023 school year and will focus on renewal of existing facilities and improving the functionality of the school site. Key areas already identified through the master plan include:

- improvements to the administration building;
- establishment of year level precincts;
- renewal of buildings across the school; and
- improvements to drop-off/set down zones and off street parking.

The intention of the master plan is to guide future investment in the school to ensure that upgrades are undertaken in a logical sequence.

Infrastructure projects identified for Coolum State School through the master plan will inform the development of the School's Strategic Infrastructure Plan (SSIP). The SSIP is a list of infrastructure priorities developed with principals, and is the department's primary method for identifying and prioritising important facility needs for each Queensland state school.

The projects identified in the master plan will be considered and assessed through a prioritisation process against other priorities from across the State. This process is used to develop the department's short, medium and long-term investment priorities, which are subject to funding approved through the state budget process.

The Palaszczuk Government is continuing to invest in Coolum State School with a number of significant projects transforming the school's facilities, such as:

- replacement of the Resource Centre roof valued at \$114,335.10 (including GST). This project was completed on 18 June 2021;
- the refurbishment of six learning spaces valued at \$229,755.90 (including GST). This project reached practical completion on 8 June 2021;

- construction of a new shade structure over the existing double tennis courts, with a total budget allocation of \$605,733.70 (including GST). This is made up of a school contribution of \$286,926.20 (including GST) and a School Subsidy Scheme contribution of \$318,807.50 (including GST). This project is forecast to be completed in October 2023; and
- the refurbishment of one learning space in the Prep block, with an allocated budget of \$330,000 (including GST). This project is forecast to be completed in June 2023.