

A strong voice for our future

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\$45m plan matches students to jobs

More students are being matched and schooled towards careers in demand thanks to the Palaszczuk Government's \$45 million Local Schools Local Jobs plan.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said the plan upgraded training facilities in 26 secondary schools across the state and prepares students with the skills they need to move into secure, well-paid jobs in their local region.

"Skilling young Queenslanders is essential to ensure that our youngest and brightest minds are prepared for the jobs of tomorrow and Queensland's economic recovery.

"I am proud that the Palaszczuk government's Local Schools Local Jobs plan includes investments like \$2 million for Gladstone State High School to upgrade training facilities to prepare students for jobs in the hydrogen industry; \$2.25 million for Woodcrest Secondary College to upgrade trade training facilities to prepare students for jobs in aviation engineering; and \$2.5 million for Rockhampton State High School to build an aquaculture training and research facility to prepare students for jobs in this fast growing food industry.

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“It is about creating training opportunities for students at our local schools that match the local economy and the skills demand for that local economy,” said Ms Lauga.

She also said Central Queensland’s schools will be boosted by some of the 6200 new teachers to be hired statewide over the next four years, along with more than 1,100 new teacher aides.

Ms Lauga told Parliament the recruitment drive was to meet student enrolment growth and maintain Queensland’s nation-leading teacher to student and class sizes.

She said Queensland schools are seeing 8,000 additional students every year.

“That means that we need to employ more teachers, we need to build more schools and we need to build more classrooms at our schools as well.

“Add this to our Turn to Teaching internship program to support 300 aspiring teachers to move into Queensland state schools, new homework centres in 120 schools, and free sanitary products into schools, we have a clear plan and vision for the next four years and beyond for education in Queensland.”

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She said at the last election Labor made a series of commitments all designed to ensure students get a world-class education that sets them up for a great future.

“That includes a \$1 billion boost to education infrastructure investment over the next four years.

“I note that the Minister for Education has said there is probably not a member in this House who has not had investment in infrastructure at their local schools.”

Ms Lauga said she was proud the Palaszczuk Labor Government is delivering quality infrastructure so all students and teachers right across Queensland have state-of-the-art teaching and learning spaces.

PHOTO: Brittany Lauga with Yeppoon State High School principal Matt Newell, manual arts teacher Scott Witts, and students.

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