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\$500,000 relief for student care wait list at Taranganba State School

Taranganba State School will receive \$500,000 for additional infrastructure to help increase capacity for the school's Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) service under a re-elected Palaszczuk Government.

This project is part of a \$1 billion investment in education across Queensland, improving school facilities and supporting more than 3,100 jobs during the economic recovery from COVID-19.

Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga, said she was pleased to have secured funding to help the school continue to provide a vital service for the school community.

"This \$500,000 is fantastic news for the school and its ability to cater for the increased demand for Outside School Hours Care," she said.

"The P&C have been exploring options in an attempt to increase caring capacity and this funding can now make this a reality.

"Options could include extending or refurbishing existing spaces to potentially purchasing a prefabricated building to help increase capacity.

"I know how important it is for working parents to know that care is available when they need it – both before and after school and during the holidays.

"As we all know too well, the working day doesn't necessarily finish when the school bell rings so parents need the assurance that the care is there.

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“I’m just so pleased to be able to provide this funding for an essential service that parents rely on when they are required to be at work,” she said.

Education Minister Grace Grace said the funding boost was great news jobs.

“We always encourage our schools to engage local tradespeople to complete maintenance works and smaller jobs in schools.

“By investing in new and upgraded school infrastructure we are providing world-class education facilities for Queensland students.”

Ms Grace said Labor’s investment and strong management of COVID-19 stood in stark contrast to Deb Frecklington and the LNP.

“Unlike the LNP, we have an economic plan that is delivering for people right across Queensland. The LNP have made more than \$26 billion in unfunded promises, with no way to pay other than to cut, sack and sell.

“Now, Deb Frecklington wants to recklessly rush to a surplus, defying the advice of leading economists in a move that means cutting more than 30,000 Queensland jobs.

“That’s more than 30,000 teachers, doctors and nurses - during a pandemic - to reach surplus and pay for their unfunded promises.

“Now is not the time to risk Deb Frecklington and the LNP’s job destroying plan for Queensland.”

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