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Keep a watch on our schools

Central Queensland students and teachers need your help, even though they are on holidays.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga has urged the community to keep an eye on their local schools during this time to help stop vandalism.

“With school holidays beginning today (Monday), empty schools provide an opportunity for criminal activity – becoming targets for unlawful entry, arson, stealing, graffiti and property damage offences.”

The School Watch Program is a partnership between the Department of Education and the Queensland Police Service (Protective Services).

The Member for Rockhampton Barry O'Rourke said the program aims to reduce criminal activity in Queensland schools and encourages everyone to look out for after-hours crime in our schools.

“If you see anything suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene.

“Instead, call the School Watch number of 13 17 88. If you see a crime in progress, please call Triple Zero (000).

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