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Taranganba receives school road safety grant

Taranganba State School in Keppel has received a \$1,186,500 grant to improve road safety as part of a Palaszczuk Government initiative.

The government this week announced the second round of recipients for its \$20 million, three-year School Transport Infrastructure Program to boost road safety at Queensland schools.

Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga said the grant would allow the school to improve pedestrian crossings, install a bus set-down area with storage for students using the services and works to mitigate illegal parking.

“It’s part of the Palaszczuk Government’s \$900 million, four-year road safety program for Queensland,” Ms Lauga said.

“This new Palaszczuk Government initiative is about investing in infrastructure at our schools to improve road safety for our most vulnerable road users — children.

“This a project which will provide a long-term safety benefit for students, their families and school staff, which builds on the successful flashing signs program and crossing supervisors scheme.”

Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey said the safety of Queensland children, families and school staff is a key priority and encouraged other schools to contact the Department of Transport and Main Roads to see how they could apply for funding.

“Submission of ideas are open all year to schools and local councils as well as community and school bodies,” Mr Bailey said.

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“The Palaszczuk Government is committed to driving road safety around schools with 691 schools across the state already staffed by 1,952 crossing supervisors, and I encourage anyone who feels road safety could be improved at their local school to nominate an idea.

Mr Bailey said while the grants would play an important role, everyone still had a role to play in keeping children safe around schools.

“Always remain cautious and vigilant when driving through school zones as children can be unpredictable.

“The responsibility to protect our children’s safety doesn’t only rest with our crossing supervisors – road safety is everyone’s responsibility.”

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