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Keppel schools in line for solar energy boost

Five more state primary schools in Keppel will soon receive solar panels and other energy saving devices as part of the Palaszczuk Government's Advancing Clean Energy Schools.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said the program is helping to reduce energy costs at Queensland state schools.

"Emu Park, Parkhurst, Taranganba, Farnborough and Yeppoon state schools will be next in line (phases 2 and 3) for work which supports valuable jobs in the renewables industry during this COVID-19 pandemic.

"These programs are installing a virtual solar farm atop Queensland state schools and contributing enough solar generated electricity to power 25,000 homes."

Ms Lauga said the program is being delivered over three phases, with phase one well underway and work on the initial 210 state schools nearing completion.

These include Frenchville State School and Yeppoon State High School.

"Already almost 32,000 solar panels, pumping out 11 megawatts of power, have been installed providing significant gains to those schools that have received installations to date - with tens of thousands more to come."

She said the 580 schools that will be part of phases two and three of the program, will be rolled out from July 1 this year.

To see the full list of schools receiving energy saving measures head to <https://qed.qld.gov.au/programs-initiatives/det/building-education/major-projects-and-initiatives/advancing-clean-energy-schools-program>

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