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Lauga applauds new EBA and teachers' backpay

The backpay for teachers after the signing of a landmark Enterprise Bargaining Agreement last year, paid this week, has been welcomed by the Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga.

Ms Lauga said hundreds of state school teachers at Central Queensland state schools received the \$1250 bonus and 6 months of backpay, along with improvements in working conditions, as part of the Agreement.

"This is a win for state school teachers and rewards them for the outstanding work they do for our children.

"Teachers are on the frontline in the delivery of quality education to our local students. They do a fantastic job in often very challenging circumstances.

"The Palaszczuk Government is demonstrating its commitment and how much we value our teachers with this landmark agreement.

"State primary and high school teachers will benefit," she said.

Ms Lauga said teachers, and particularly principals who also received a pay increase, were leaders in the community and not just the school.

Queensland Teachers Union's Kevin Bates said this Agreement was promised by the government and delivered.

He said it showed the Palaszczuk Government was willing to invest in personnel as well as welcome infrastructure to schools, particularly classrooms.

Mr Bates said one of the key wins in the Agreement was a change to the teacher classification structure which enhances career prospects.

"It clarifies anomalies and is a very significant change for our education leaders," he said.

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