

*A strong voice for our future*

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## Lauga praises government funding of Project Booyah

Permanent funding for the highly successful Project Booyah program is a win for the youth of Central Queensland and for the economy, the Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said today.

She said more than \$4.13 million over four years, and \$1.29 million ongoing, will be provided for the Framing the Future component of Project Booyah.

Ms Lauga this means the post-program support for graduates will now be a permanent fixture of Project Booyah.

A new school-based adaption of Project Booyah – called RESPECT – will also be funded permanently and delivered in locations right across Queensland.

She said she had been a great supporter of, and advocate for, Project Booyah's roll out in Central Queensland in 2016.

"It gives me great pleasure when I work with Project Booyah's Sgt Joe Ramsay and his experienced team of teachers, youth workers and CQUniversity to make better choices in life and to help them back into school, into a job or training.

"This project can be life-changing for the young people who commit themselves for the training over 6 months.

"Some have been disengaged from education and the work done with Joe and his team is of immense value to these youngsters."

Project Booyah has an outstanding track record of delivering for young Queenslanders, but the hard work does not end with graduation from the program.

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Police and Corrective Services Minister the Hon. Mark Ryan said: “Framing the Future (the post-Project Booyah support program for graduates) is now permanently funded to mentor graduates and to continue to connect them with employment, education and training opportunities.

“After a successful trial on the Gold Coast, a new school-based adaption of Project Booyah called RESPECT will be expanded to locations across Queensland so school-based police officers across Queensland can proactively mentor young people.

“This permanent funding from the Palaszczuk Government will help support young Queenslanders and build stronger and safer communities.”

Minister Ryan said a recent Griffith University evaluation of the program confirmed that it was highly successful in reducing youth offending.

“This is at the forefront of the Palaszczuk Government’s focus on safer communities,” he said.

“The evaluation found that the majority of participants did not go on to offend again.

“By investing in Project Booyah, these young people and the wider community will see the benefits.”

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