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Lauga urges community to unite against DFV

The community has been urged to get involved in one of the many events next month (May) to help raise awareness of domestic and family violence.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said the month of May was designated by the Palaszczuk Government to send a clear message that domestic and family violence in families and homes will not be tolerated.

“Events are being held by community organisations, including schools, to mark May as the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month.

“I’m proud to be marching with more than 800 St Brendan’s College students and staff on May 7 to a beachside rally to raise awareness against DFV.”

Ms Lauga said the first college **Walk Against Domestic Violence** in 2017 along the streets and beach of Yeppoon as part of its Edmund Rice Feast Day activities.

“The 800 plus student and staff contingent will walk in solidarity against family and domestic violence.

“I applaud the College for its work in ensuring the anti-violence message begins in the school yard.”

She said the public was invited to join the rally on the beachfront at 11.45am on May 7.

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“The Palaszczuk Government has invested over half a billion towards ending domestic and family violence since being elected, however we acknowledge that more work is ahead of us both as a government and as a community.”

Ms Lauga also encouraged women to come forward and talk about their experiences dealing with the criminal justice system.

She said Attorney-General and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence Shannon Fentiman has opened public submissions to the Women’s Safety and Justice Taskforce chaired by former judge Margaret McMurdo AC.

“The work of the taskforce is crucial in looking at what barriers women face when they report on violence committed against them, and to look at laws that will keep women safe and hold perpetrators to account.”

Submissions can be made through the secure portal on the taskforce website at www.womenstaskforce.qld.gov.au

**PHOTOS: Brittany Lauga addressing the inaugural St Brendan’s College Walk against DFV.
Some of the 800-plus students and staff who walked from the college to the Yeppoon beachfront.**

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