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New \$8.57m teaching block for Parkhurst State School

The first sod has been turned today on a new \$8.57 million teaching block at Parkhurst State School.

Keppel MP and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said the new two-storey building would provide more space for the growing school.

“This is an exciting milestone for the Parkhurst State School community, with construction to be finished in term 2, 2021,” Ms Lauga said.

“The new building will include six classrooms on the top floor, a staff collaboration space and an outdoor arts and science learning space.

“The ground floor will house a state-of-the-art music centre and a multi-purpose learning space for STEAME (Science, Technology, the Arts, Mathematics and the Environment).

“There’s also room to provide four classrooms to accommodate future growth.

“This new building will be a game-changer for Parkhurst State School.”

Ms Lauga said it was great to see work on Queensland state school infrastructure projects powering ahead despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Importantly, construction of this new building will support 26 local jobs,” she said.

“COVID-19 has been devastating for our local community and projects like this go a long way towards contributing to our plan for economic recovery.”

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Parkhurst State School Principal Lyle Walker said the school community was excited about the new facilities.

“We’re delighted to have a new teaching block on the way that will offer flexible learning options in brand new, state-of-the-art classrooms,” Mr Walker said.

“This exciting addition to the school’s landscape will further instill a strong sense of optimism and community confidence, whilst meeting projected future enrolments.”

The contract was awarded to Paynters Pty Ltd on 7 August 2020 and construction commenced on site on 9 September 2020, with forecast completion on 10 May 2021.

Ms Lauga said based on the Queensland Treasury’s labour multiplier per million dollars spent, this project is estimated to support up to 26 jobs once fully completed.

For more information on topic: www.buildingeducation.qld.gov.au

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