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Taranganba's \$1.1m school road safety boost

Road safety for students and parents around Taranganba State School will be vastly improved thanks to a \$1,186,500 grant as part of a Palaszczuk Government initiative.

The government has announced the second round of recipients for its \$20 million, three-year School Transport Infrastructure Program to boost road safety at Queensland schools.

Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga said the grant would allow the Taranganba school, the biggest primary school in the Keppel electorate, to improve pedestrian crossings, install a bus set-down area with storage for students using the services and works to mitigate illegal parking.

"It's part of the Palaszczuk Government's \$900 million, four-year road safety program for Queensland," Ms Lauga said.

"This new Palaszczuk Government initiative is about investing in infrastructure at our schools to improve road safety for our most vulnerable road users — children.

"This a project which will provide a long-term safety benefit for students, their families and school staff, which builds on the successful flashing signs program and crossing supervisors scheme."

She said Taranganba State School is the largest primary school on the Capricorn Coast and, as a result, one of the busiest schools for traffic at peak times.

School principal Susan Beatty said "We are very excited that funding has been approved to complete our bus set down area.

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“Completion of this work will allow further works to be undertaken to relocate travel zones, provide additional parking and ensure safe entry and exit from our school.

“We thank the State Government for funding this initiative as our growing school numbers has impacted on our parking and safety for staff, children and parents around our school.

“We look forward to work commencing in the near future.”

Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey said the safety of Queensland children, families and school staff is a key priority and encouraged other schools to contact the Department of Transport and Main Roads to see how they could apply for funding.

“Submission of ideas are open all year to schools and local councils as well as community and school bodies,” Mr Bailey said.

Mr Bailey said while the grants would play an important role, everyone still had a role to play in keeping children safe around schools.

“Always remain cautious and vigilant when driving through school zones as children can be unpredictable.

“The responsibility to protect our children’s safety doesn’t only rest with our crossing supervisors – road safety is everyone’s responsibility.”

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