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**Time to thank our teacher aides**

The critical role of teacher aides in our schools is to be celebrated tomorrow on Teacher Aide Day, the Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said today.

“This is a day to acknowledge the wonderful work of our teacher aides who play a crucial role in the education of our students,” Mrs Lauga said.

“They work closely with teachers and students to provide a wide range of support, helping to lift education outcomes for all students, and often our most vulnerable.

“There are more than 19,000 teacher aides employed in our state schools, helping Queensland students get the very best from their education.

“With continued enrolment growth expected in Central Queensland state schools, it is more important than ever to recognise the significant role our teacher aides play in our schools.”

Mrs Lauga said the Palaszczuk Government had fulfilled its commitment to boost teacher aide hours.

“We have provided an extra 4000 prep teacher aide hours per week which allows all state schools to have a teacher aide in every prep class.

“I congratulate teacher aides across CQ for the contributions they make to their schools and their invaluable support to the school community.”

Tomorrow morning she will be visiting Emu Park State School.

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