

Mick de Brenni MP

Winter 2020 Special Edition: Building Better Schools



Building better schools and keeping local tradies in work.

Message from Mick

This year, our community has faced one of the greatest tests in our history.

The pandemic has threatened not only our health, it has also tested our resilience and it's had a huge impact on the economy.

As Queenslanders though, we have risen to the challenge, as we always do.

We can be proud of that and it also means we can move more quickly on the economic recovery task and help Queenslanders back to work.

Our plan for Queensland's economic recovery is focussed on taking advantage of new opportunities and supporting our local traditional strengths, like the construction industry.

As father of two young kids - Scarlett (10) and Charlie (7), and the husband of a teacher, I'm very conscious of the value of quality schools, and great teachers.

We are lucky to have so many great schools in our community, however many could do with some new facilities. So as part of our economic recovery plan, we

are investing in Queensland schools and at the same time creating jobs for local tradies.

This special edition looks at some of these local projects confirmed as part of our economic recovery plan.

On our road to recovery from COVID-19 our schools will play a vital role as we create jobs through the construction of brand new classrooms and halls and install air-con in every classroom. This is an economic recovery led through the delivery of essential infrastructure and frontline services through our schools.

Also, congratulations to all the students who pushed through this difficult term, especially the seniors, which I am happy to report, will now be able to enjoy the right-of-passage events such as their senior formal.

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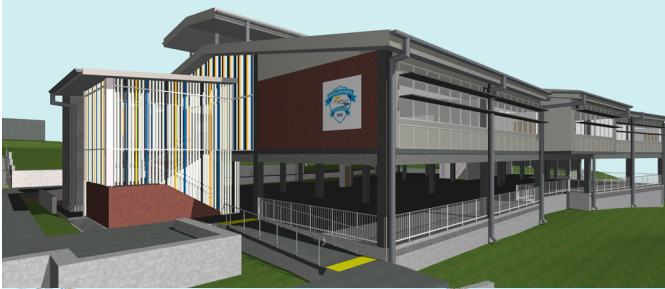
Shailer Park State High School

10 new classrooms for a growing school

“These 10 new classrooms are going to make such a difference to the students here at Shailer Park High School.

The school has seen such growth over the past few years and having the facilities to accommodate our new students is vital. It has been a tough year for everyone, but these new classrooms will be a great reward for the students and teachers when they are finished.”

- Sumaya Lane - Shailer Park SHS P&C President



More enrollments have meant we've been able to secure investment in 10 new learning spaces, and with its construction, it will support 28 jobs here in our community.

Mount Cotton State School

First class facilities for local Preppies



Tradies have become a regular feature around our school as solar panels, classroom refurb, new buildings and soon, air conditioning will be installed.

“Mt Cotton State School is a beautiful school, but has been in need of upgrades for some time now.

Our P&C has really enjoyed working alongside our local member, Mick de Brenni, in developing, and now delivering the Master Plan for our school.

We are so excited to see our new Admin & Prep Precinct taking shape, with our Preppies hoping to be in their new classrooms for Term 4!”

- Jen Barnett - Mount Cotton SS P&C Executive

Springwood State High School

Renewed and ready for new enrollments

“I have been involved in the Springwood State High P&C now for 2 and a half years.

I love being able to make changes and see the changes being implemented in the school to make it a better place for students to learn.

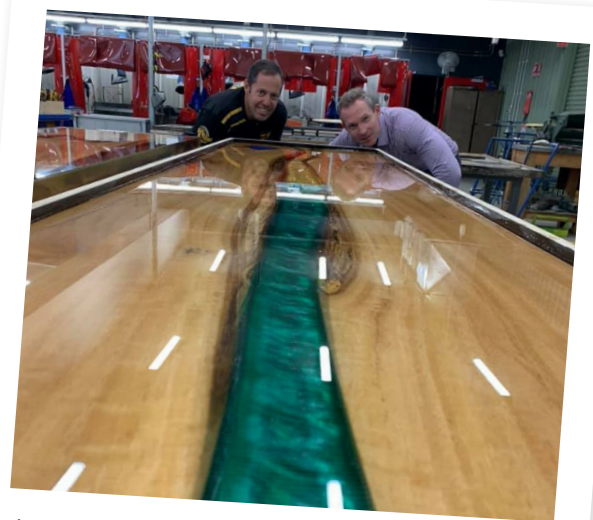
The renewing our schools program brings our facilities into the 21st century.

We will also see 72 of our classrooms receive much needed air conditioning to make it comfortable for our students to work in on those hot days, all year round. Mick's support has been greatly appreciated throughout the whole project. Thank you for helping make our school the best it can be.”

- Lee Cross - Springwood SHS P&C



With over 90 tradies already having worked on the project, the renewal of Springwood State High School is playing a big role in local economic recovery and keeping tradies in work.



As part of the new home economics building, I helped Steve (manual arts) finish it off with a custom servery and preparation bench in school colours.

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Rosedale South State School

New Performing Arts Centre ready for graduation



This project is providing first class facilities for local students, and has supported 239 local jobs for tradies.

“The Performing Arts Centre is at the heart of every school. It’s where the school holds parades, graduations, dances and performances.

We are so happy to have the new PAC building completed soon, so we can come together as a whole school again.

It’s great that Mick has been able to make sure we got a new PAC and it’s going to be so much better than the old one!”

- Hayley Flynn - Rosedale South SS - P&C President

Rosedale State High School

Students are settled in their new classrooms



New buildings at Rosedale SHS were constructed for the first year of Prep students entering grade 12, with the project supporting local jobs.

Springwood Central State School

Full access for students at Springwood Central

“School should be accessible for everyone, and now with the new ramps and disability access, Springwood Central is too!

I want my child, and all the other children, to have the best possible experience at school to look back on. That’s why I joined the P&C, so I could contribute in a positive way to all the students at the school. It’s great to have a local member that you can count on. Mick always supports the P&C event at Springwood Central.”

- Jacqui Jacobs – Springwood Central P&C President



Every child deserves a quality school, and the new accessibility upgrades at Springwood Central make sure of that.

“I am proud to be a part of such a wonderful school. It has been great to see the strength and resilience of the students, and the teachers through the pandemic crisis.

The school is growing every year and these new classrooms are a welcome addition to the school. The classrooms are not just extra space for students, but they are equipped with the latest functional fittings and technology.

The school community loves having these new spaces in the school.”

– Alia Smith – Rosedale SHS P&C



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Standing up for Springwood

QLD'S Plan for Economic Recovery



Thanks to the hard work of everyone in our community throughout COVID-19 crisis, we're able to kickstart our economy much sooner than other countries around the world and other states in Australia.

In the face of harsh global economic headwinds QLD's recovery plan is focussed on looking after and supporting QLD workers and businesses and creating local jobs for Queenslanders.

Delivering the M1 upgrade and a busway to Springwood



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The next stage of the M1 upgrade, following the completion of the M1/ Gateway merge upgrade will include:

- ✓ Extending the busway to Springwood
- ✓ Extra lanes, both southbound and northbound
- ✓ Bikeway to Daisy Hill

This means a quicker commute and support for 700 jobs.

To see a video of what the expansion will look like on completion, go to:

www.bit.ly/m1flyover



Hundreds of local tradies have been working to deliver these upgrades to get you home to your family sooner.

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