

HOMWORK CENTRES IN QUEENSLAND SCHOOLS



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The Palaszczuk Government is committed to delivering a world class education for every child and we have backed that with our record investments in schools, students and teachers.

Homework is an important and necessary part of every child's education but any parent will tell you how difficult it can be to find time to help their children get their homework done. And we know children in difficult circumstances can be disadvantaged if no one can help them with their homework.

Homework Centres are a great new initiative that will provide busy families with an alternative by making use of our fabulous teacher aides to provide a supportive, supervised environment for kids to do homework before they get home.

Teachers were among our frontline heroes during the height of COVID, supporting our children through remote learning – but in many ways so were parents who took on that burden of supervising learning at home, in many cases while juggling their own work commitments.

With initiatives such as Homework Centres, we will continue to back our students with all the support they need to reach their full potential.



OUR COMMITMENT AND PLAN FOR QUEENSLAND

A re-elected Palaszczuk Government will invest \$8 million over four years to establish Homework Centres in up to 120 primary and secondary schools across the state.

Our plan to establish Homework Centres in state schools is designed to support students and ease the burden on parents by providing a supervised environment for students to complete set homework tasks before they go home for the day.

Sessions will be for a maximum of 3 hours per week, for 30 weeks per year, supervised by up to three on-site teacher aides.

Homework Centres will:

- support good student study habits
- boost student engagement and achievement
- provide a suitable learning environment
- provide help that parents may not have the time or skills to give
- provide additional learning time with their peers.

This commitment also gives back to the community after the efforts of parents in supporting learning at home during COVID-19.



PALASZCZUK GOVERNMENT'S RECORD

The Palaszczuk Government has delivered the new schools, classrooms, programs and teachers that mean our students are getting a world-class education.

Since 2015, the Palaszczuk Government has employed 6,000 new teachers, as well as almost 1,500 teacher aides.

Our investment in more teachers means that we continue to put downward pressure on class sizes, which means students get more individual attention.

We have tripled school infrastructure spending since 2015, investing more than \$5.2 billion to build, maintain and improve Queensland school infrastructure.

Our recent announcement, *Great Schools Great Future*, will deliver a further \$1 billion boost to education infrastructure to deliver the world class facilities that our kids need and deserve.

We have built and opened 13 new schools since 2015, including eight in the first term of 2020, with nine more new schools to open over the next three years.

Under our \$477 million Cooler Cleaner Schools Program, every classroom, library and staff room in every state school will be air-conditioned by mid-2022.

Only a Palaszczuk Labor Government will continue to deliver the investment necessary to give our children a world class education that positions them for the future.

NEWMAN-FRECKLINGTON LEGACY

The LNP left behind a disastrous legacy of education cuts, sackings and school closures last time they were in office with Campbell Newman and his assistant Minister Deb Frecklington.

They cut more than 500 teaching positions from Queensland schools and sacked 700 education support staff.

They cut programs designed specifically to support students and families:

- Cut \$133,000 from the Ready Readers volunteers training program to support students in literacy programs
- Cut \$291,000 from the Positive Parenting Program
- Cut \$100,000 from the Pyjama Foundation, a mentoring program to encourage reading among foster children.

They sacked nine school nurses and closed the Barrett Adolescent Centre for mental health, despite direct warnings from experts about the danger that would place vulnerable at-risk kids in.

The Newman Government closed 8 schools across Toowoomba, Townsville and Brisbane, and had a hit list of 50 more they planned to close.

And they are at it again with cuts planned to our Cooler Cleaner Schools program and cuts to teacher numbers.

You can't cut your way to a world class education. Only Labor will continue to deliver the ongoing investment our students need for a world class education.



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