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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 21 August 2024 regarding Petition 4135-24 in relation to a request for sun-safe areas and walkways at Pimpama State School, received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The safety and wellbeing of students and staff in Queensland schools are of the highest priority for the Queensland Government.

When considering new infrastructure projects for school facilities, the Department of Education works with principals to develop a list of priorities through a School Strategic Infrastructure Plan (SSIP).

I can advise that Pimpama State School lists the provision of new covered walkways as the top priority on its SSIP. The Department's regional infrastructure teams support schools to submit SSIP proposals for consideration, and these are assessed through a prioritisation process to meet the highest needs across the State. This process is used to develop the Department's short, medium and long-term investment priorities, which are subject to funding availability.

I am pleased to advise that Pimpama State School is delivering two additional hard covered shade structures, located adjacent to the school's Eucalyptus building. This project is being managed by the school and is currently going through a tender process. The Department will continue to support Pimpama State School with its ongoing infrastructure needs.

I would like to thank you, the principal petitioner, and every person who signed the petition for their advocacy for Pimpama State School.

Yours sincerely

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