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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Cleveland Electorate, Schools

 **Dr ROBINSON** (Cleveland—LNP) (2.41 pm): On behalf of the people of the Cleveland electorate I rise to report to the parliament some good things happening in the education sphere in my electorate. The Newman LNP government is delivering better education to the children of the Cleveland electorate, whether that be the successful rollout of year 7, including the construction of new buildings at Cleveland State High School; providing improved education options for the Quandamooka high school students of North Stradbroke Island; providing e-tablets for children with special education needs at Redland District Special School; or the success of the Independent Public Schools initiative.

One of the most significant education infrastructure developments has been the start of the construction of the indoor sports auditorium or multipurpose hall at Bay View State School. A total of \$2.8 million or so has been allocated for the construction of this vital project. The new multipurpose hall facility will feature a multipurpose court area, stage, toilets, change rooms, kitchen and storage space. The hall will service both the school and the local community and it will be a welcome boost to the school's resources in providing a top-grade education. I want to acknowledge Minister Langbroek, principal Peter Black and the school P&C and parents for their role in making this great opportunity happen. I want to make special mention of Kim Griffin-Smith, a school mum who has been wonderfully relentless on this project.

Another great development is the success of the Independent Public Schools initiative at Cleveland District State High School. The principal of the Cleveland District State High School, Mr Paul Bancroft, recently reported on the key benefits that Cleveland District State High School has received since the adoption of this program. With the school being responsible for its own staffing, that has meant that it can hire the best staff and ensure that it has the capabilities needed. Principal Paul Bancroft stated—

We have been able to ensure that they—
that is the teachers—

are not only very capable in their key curriculum areas but also have a range of skills in co-curricular areas. We have picked up some teachers with great IT skills, but also musical skills and debating skills and sports coaching capabilities.

Mr Bancroft went on to state—

Becoming an IPS gives us greater flexibility to tailor the curriculum to suit the needs of our students. The Independent Public Schools scheme has opened up opportunities for our students.

What a great endorsement of the Independent Public Schools initiative by one of Queensland's longest serving and most well respected principals. There are other schools in my area—Birkdale State School, headed by principal Steve Logan, and Wellington Point State High School, headed by principal Debbie Ward—and they are also looking into this Independent Public Schools initiative.

On 15 August in Cleveland, as part of the Queensland Plan, the Redland city student forum was held. Numbers of student leaders came together to talk about a 30-year vision for their region and state and it was a great success. It is clear that the Newman LNP government is delivering on education in the schools of the Cleveland electorate.