

Gold Coast

Queensland Schools Project

The Queensland Schools Project consists of eight Prep–Year 6 primary schools and two Year 7–12 secondary schools being built in rapidly developing areas in South East Queensland.

Two new schools will be built in Caboolture and others in Pimpama, Burpengary, Pallara, Ripley Valley, Springfield, Griffin, Bellbird Park and Redbank Plains. These new schools demonstrate another way the Queensland Government is securing Queensland's future by revitalising front line services for families.

The Queensland Government has announced that Plenary Schools has been chosen to deliver the package. This innovative public-private partnership is part of the Government's commitment to delivering better infrastructure and planning for Queensland families.

"What we will be doing is making sure these schools are maintained for 29 years, allowing the teachers, principals and parents to concentrate on curriculum and education, not worrying about painting the walls and fixing up the drains and gutters and toilets," Treasurer Tim Nicholls said.

"That will all be taken care of by the private sector."

"That will last over 29 years and in 2043 the schools will be handed back to the department."

Mr Nicholls said the maintenance contract would ensure a high standard was maintained.

The four-year construction phase, which began in January 2014, will boost economic activity, generating around 1,700 jobs a year, and providing a much needed boost to one of Queensland's economic pillars.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment is overseeing the delivery of the new schools and the ongoing contract management. The first schools are expected to open for the commencement of the 2015 academic year, with others opening in 2016 and 2017.

As well as servicing Queensland's rapidly growing student population, the schools will employ over 500 teachers and 130 non-teaching positions.

Commonwealth Games

Queensland's reputation for major events is receiving a boost in 2014-15 with \$160.7 million to continue planning and venue development, including the village, for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Preparation for the Games on the Gold Coast began when the Gold Coast was named host city in 2011 and will continue with a legacy of world-class sporting and other infrastructure.

The Government has allocated \$49.1 million for work on the \$361 million Commonwealth Games Village at Southport Parklands, a development that post-Games will form the key residential, commercial and retail part of the Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct.

Commonwealth Games events will be held on the Gold Coast and in Cairns, Townsville and Brisbane.

\$14.9 million will be invested in the Queensland State Velodrome and \$800,000 in the Belmont Shooting Centre.

A total of \$35.9 million in 2014-15 has been allocated to upgrades for the Carrara and Coomera Sports and Leisure Centres, Runaway Bay Sports Centre, the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre and other venues.

As further endorsement of Queensland's status as a major events hub, the Commonwealth Games Federation Coordination Commission has confirmed that Queensland's Games are on time and on budget.

Read more about the 2018 Commonwealth Games at www.dtesb.qld.gov.au/commonwealth-games and www.gc2018.com/

Metron Stadium, Gold Coast



A STRONG PLAN FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Regional Budget Statement GOLD COAST

This Budget continues to deliver a Strong Plan for a Brighter Future.

The 2014-15 Budget carefully balances **increases in education, health and community services spending, while not introducing or raising any new taxes or reducing services.**

Strong choices have to be made so that a brighter future can be ours; **we need to reduce the State's \$80 billion debt and the annual \$4 billion interest bill. This Budget outlines our plan to secure our finances by making the strongest and smartest choice to reduce debt** so we can sustainably invest in the schools, hospitals and infrastructure for the future.

We are making significant progress in restoring our finances, growing a four pillar economy, revitalising frontline services and funding infrastructure projects and jobs – **with more than 60,000 jobs created in Queensland in the last year.** To sustain this we must reduce debt, so we can truly keep building on our Strong Plan for a Brighter Future.

Health
UP 6% to
\$13.6 billion

New and improving hospitals:

\$224.5 million towards building the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital

\$369.8 million towards building the Sunshine Coast Public University Hospital

\$173.3 million for the redevelopment of hospitals in Cairns, Mackay, Mount Isa, Townsville and Rockhampton

Education
UP 7% to
\$11.8 billion

Great Results Guarantee

\$131 million to improve the numeracy and literacy of our children

10 new schools

under the \$1.4 billion Queensland Schools Project

Transport and roads
\$5.4 billion

Toowoomba Second Range Crossing

\$321 million towards the history making \$1.6 billion, 41km innovative toll road project

75 new six-car trains

Bruce Highway
\$768 million in 2014-15 to upgrade sections of the Bruce Highway

Safe Night Out Strategy
\$44.5 million
to address alcohol and drug-related violence

Royalties for the Regions
\$495 million
for infrastructure improvements

Drought assistance
\$62 million

267 new police

Safer Children
\$406 million
for child and family services in response to the Carmody Inquiry

Reef Water Quality Program
\$55 million

\$33.9 million
for tourism marketing and event promotion

For more detail: www.budget.qld.gov.au

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Queensland State Budget 2014–15

