



Heather Butler, MP

Labor Member for Lyons

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Opening of St Helens District High Redevelopment

Labor Member for Lyons Heather Butler today officially opened a \$1.47 million redevelopment of the St Helen District High School.

The State Government-funded project will ease overcrowding following a steady increase in enrolments over recent years.

Ms Butler said the redevelopment included the construction of four new Year 7 and 8 classrooms and the refurbishment of four others for Year 9 and 10 students.

“The new classrooms are state-of-the-art open learning spaces that will better meet the needs of students and provide a more flexible teaching environment for staff,” Ms Butler said.

Ms Butler said the school has continued growing with enrolments increasing from 480 to 620 over the past seven years.

“The facilities at the school had become overcrowded and a redevelopment was needed.”

“It is also essential the resources are matched with the latest technology to support teaching and learning.”

“Each new classroom has an interactive white board, there is one computer for every two students and all secondary rooms are set up with new laptops.”

Ms Butler also acknowledged the efforts of the school association which raised \$30,000 towards the redevelopment of the canteen.

“I thank everyone involved in this fantastic redevelopment which will ensure staff, students and the wider school community benefit now and for many years to come.”

Ms Butler said that education remained a key Government priority.

“In this year’s State Budget \$162.8 million was allocated to invest in Department of Education infrastructure over the next four years with a big increase in capital expenditure this financial year to more than \$40 million,” Ms Butler said