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LNP Palmview Plan Delivers

Member for Buderim, Brent Mickelberg, today announced the LNP's plan for Palmview, including fast-tracking construction of the new Palmview State High School to open in January 2022, a commitment to establish public bus services in Harmony, along with delivering mobile CCTV to target local crime and hooning.

"These commitments address some of the key issues residents in Harmony have raised with me," Mr Mickelberg said.

"It's great that we have been able to get things moving on new primary and special schools here in Palmview, but it makes absolutely no sense to have the opening of the high school delayed to 2023."

The LNP's announcement today will mean that the first Year 6 graduates from Palmview State Primary School will be able to continue their schooling at the local high school.

Construction of the shovel ready new Palmview State High School project will also provide critical economic stimulus to the Sunshine Coast region as we recover from COVID-19.

"In June this year I called on the Labor Minister for Education to fast-track delivery of the new high school but my calls fell on deaf ears. Given the Minister's response, it's clear the modelling in relation to demand is lagging the reality in the ground."

More than 1,000 families now call Harmony home and the growth in property sales has accelerated with the Morrison LNP Government HomeBuilder Grant.

"Local schools like Chancellor State College are already bursting at the seams and delivering the new high school in 2022 will also reduce pressure on schools in the suburbs surrounding Palmview."

Shadow Minister for Education Jarrod Bleijie said "Investing in local schools and providing a world-class education to Sunshine Coast kids is a key part of the LNP's economic plan to get Queensland working again".

"The LNP will hire an additional 3,350 teachers and 760 teacher aides across Queensland over the next four years in a major education boost for Queensland schools".

"This is on the back of our plan to get back to basics by decluttering the curriculum, air conditioning every state school classroom, introducing a phonics screen check to boost reading and continuing the Independent Public Schools Program".

"Investing in education on the Sunshine Coast will support local families and lay the foundation for our kids to get ahead in life'. Mr Bleijie said.

Mr Mickelberg also announced that an LNP Government would make establishment of public bus services a priority for residents in Harmony.

Local residents have called for better public bus services for some time and the LNP's commitment to deliver public bus services to Harmony will link this rapidly growing area to the rest of the Sunshine Coast public transport system.

"Harmony residents can't wait months or years for Council's Integrated Urban Public Transport Plan to be finalised. They have been waiting long enough, so if elected a Deb Frecklington LNP State Government will make provision of public bus services to Harmony a priority." Mr Mickelberg said.

"This is all part of the LNP's plan to get Queensland working again."

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