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## Promised Capital Injection for Non State Schools Confirmed in State Budget

Additional capital funding for non-state schools promised by the Palaszczuk Government during the recent state election will start flowing from 2021-22 according to State Budget papers released today.

Independent Schools Queensland Executive Director David Robertson welcomed the Queensland Government's \$180 million three-year capital funding commitment which will commence with \$60 million in 2021-22.

Mr Robertson said the infrastructure investment represented a \$45 million increase on the Palaszczuk Government's 2017 three-year capital election commitment to non-state schools, the last tranche of which has been allocated in the 2020-21 State Budget.

"While parents fund the overwhelming majority of new and upgraded facilities in Queensland independent schools, these costs are significant, particularly for those independent school communities that don't have the same financial capacity to raise funds for new and upgraded buildings," he said.

"This additional capital funding, combined with parent contributions and borrowings, will support new and upgraded facilities to accommodate the sector's growing student population which now exceeds more than 130,000 students," he said.

"ISQ-commissioned research estimates the sector will need to raise \$1.25 billion, in addition to the more than \$300 million it expends annually on facilities, to accommodate an extra 41,000 students projected to enrol in Queensland independent schools between now and 2036."

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