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Ipswich Grammar School Celebrates New Arts and Sports Facilities

Ipswich Grammar School today celebrated the opening of more than \$2 million in new arts and sports facilities.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan, representing Minister for Education and Minister for the Arts Anna Bligh, officially opened the new facilities.

Ms Nolan said the State Government had contributed about \$355,000 towards the school's new Precinct of the Arts and multi-purpose Risson Centre.

"The Precinct of the Arts will support Ipswich Grammar School's focus on offering students work and career pathways through participation in the visual arts, music and drama," she said.

"The facility includes an auditorium and rooms for instrumental music, band practice, drama and music tuition.

"Ipswich Grammar School boasts a tradition of innovation that is maintained by the precinct's support of the most up-to-date approaches to teaching and learning in these subject areas.

"Studying the Arts develops creative, critical and imaginative thinking skills and gives students a greater appreciation of culture and society."

Ms Nolan said the Risson Centre was a sports and recreation facility situated off-campus at Brassall.

"The Risson Centre has been developed for use by the school and wider community," she said.

"It supports indoor and outdoor sports and education and promises to be appreciated by 95% of the school's students who participate in sports activities.

"Outside school hours the centre is available for use by the wider community for social and cultural activities.

"This makes optimum use of resources, encourages community engagement and situates the school at the heart of community life and learning."

Ms Nolan congratulated the school community on contributing about \$1.6 million towards the \$2.1 million cost of the two projects.

“Ipswich Grammar School is laying strong foundations for its students’ future success in work and in life,” she said.

Ms Nolan also acknowledged the contribution of \$150,000 from the Risson family towards the centre named in its honour.