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IPSWICH SCHOOLS TO LEAD NEW AEROSPACE INDUSTRY

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan has enthusiastically welcomed today's announcement that two schools in the Ipswich electorate – Bremer State High and Ipswich Grammar School – are among the six Queensland schools to take part in the aerospace industry partnership announced today between Education Queensland, Boeing Australia and Aviation Australia.

Participation in the partnership will mean that students at Bremer and IGS would have the opportunity to undertake traineeships and work experience at Boeing in areas such as aircraft maintenance and engineering, information technology and administration.

Ms Nolan said it was particularly significant that two Ipswich electorate schools – as well as Redbank Plains High – had been included in the partnership.

“Aerospace will be one of the key industries in Ipswich's economic future,” Ms Nolan said.

“Already we have seen the development of a large civilian aviation workforce at RAAF Amberley but in future years we will see more and more commercial spin-offs from this defence work.

“The fact that Boeing is choosing Ipswich schools among its partners is a strong sign of their commitment to Ipswich and their belief that young Ipswich people will, in the future, need skills in aerospace.