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IPSWICH SCHOOLS RECEIVE \$146,042 MAINTENANCE BOOST

An extra \$146,042 will be provided to Bremer State High School, Bundamba State School and Ipswich Central State School for maintenance work, Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan announced today.

Ms Nolan said the funding was part of an additional \$4 million allocated by the State Government in the 2005-06 Education Budget, for a total of 115 projects at 111 state schools.

“The initiative will give a significant boost to the amount of maintenance work carried out at schools throughout Queensland,” she said.

“Improvements will be made to building structures, swimming pools or outdoor paved areas, such as pathways, carparks or sports courts.”

“This special initiative will make a significant contribution to improving school environments,” Ms Nolan said.

“It will ensure school buildings and other supporting facilities are well-kept, safe and hygienic.”

Ms Nolan said there were around 1300 state schools throughout Queensland, which had many facilities of varying ages and maintenance needs.

“It’s essential this enormous asset base is protected for the benefit of school communities, now and into the future,” she said.

“This financial year, the State Government has made a substantial investment in maintenance work and improvements at state school facilities.

“A total of \$88.6 million has been allocated in the 2005-06 Budget to maintenance work, which is up 16% on last financial year.”