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STATE GOVERNMENT GRANTS FOR NON-STATE SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE

Sacred Heart School in Booval is to receive \$3418 as part of a \$6.6 million commitment by the State Government to help Queensland non-state schools improve infrastructure.

Member for Ipswich, Rachel Nolan, said the funds were being provided under the State Government's *External Infrastructure Subsidy Scheme*.

"This scheme provides financial support for non-state schools to improve infrastructure such as drop-off zones, road upgrades, drainage and fencing," Ms Nolan said.

"I am delighted that Sacred Heart School will receive the funding under the scheme to pay water, sewerage and stormwater drainage charges.

"This will be a boost to the school and is great news for the local school community."

Education and Training Minister, Rod Welford, said the *External Infrastructure Subsidy Scheme* recognised that there was more to a school project than the actual buildings.

"The scheme assists new Catholic and Independent schools that are under development or existing schools that are being upgraded," Mr Welford said.

"The funding is used by the schools to meet the costs of external infrastructure projects required by Local Government as part of the development.

"Projects can include water supply, sewerage and drainage services, transport-related infrastructure such as car parking, pick-up and set-down areas and road works, and streetscape and headworks charges.

"Under the scheme, our Government provides up to 50 per cent of the total project costs with the remainder of the funding raised by the schools and their local communities.

"The State Government is committed to ensuring all Queensland students have access to the best possible facilities in our education system."