

# GREAT TEACHERS GREAT FUTURE

## Labor to invest in 6,190 new teachers and more than 1,100 new teacher aides

Our teachers are the foundation of the world class education system we have here in Queensland, setting up our kids for a great future.

That's why the Palaszczuk Government has employed an additional 6,000 teachers since coming to office in 2015, as well as almost 1,500 teacher aides. This investment in our frontline teachers has put downward pressure on class sizes and ensured all students get the individual attention they need to make the most of their education.

With Queensland's state schools projected to grow by at least 8,000 extra students each year, we will employ the teachers and teacher aides we need to meet that growth.

Many of us remember fondly that teacher who made the difference in our own school experience, and the experience during COVID has brought home again the fantastic job our teachers and teacher aides do day in day out across the length and breadth of the state.

We will continue to invest in our teachers and teacher aides as there is no greater investment in our future and our economy than investing in the education of the children of today.



### OUR COMMITMENT AND PLAN FOR QUEENSLAND

**The Palaszczuk Government is committed to a world class education for every child and supporting quality teachers in every school. A re-elected Palaszczuk Government will deliver:**

- 6,190 new teachers and 1,139 new teacher aides over the next four years to meet student enrolment growth and maintain nation-leading teacher to student ratios and low class sizes.
- A \$19.8 million Turn to Teaching internship program that will provide 300 aspiring teachers with financial support, mentoring, and paid internship employment to complete their teaching qualification and take up a guaranteed permanent teaching position in a Queensland state school.

#### Our plan means:

- We keep our teacher to student ratios at nation leading levels by planning for future growth in student numbers
- Local communities get the teachers and teacher aides they need at their local school, no matter where they are in the state
- We continue to attract and secure high-performing, aspiring teachers from other fields into the Queensland state school system
- Students get the individual support and attention they need and deserve for a world class education, setting them up for a great future.





## PALASZCZUK GOVERNMENT'S RECORD

Since 2015, the Palaszczuk Government has employed 6,000 new teachers, as well as almost 1,500 teacher aides.

Our investment in more teachers means that we continue to put downward pressure on class sizes, which means students get more individual attention.

Queensland's teacher to student ratio is 13.3, lower than any other state in the country and lower under Labor compared to the LNP.

The Palaszczuk Government has introduced a number of other significant initiatives that support our teachers to provide a world class education for Queensland children:

- \$31.1 million to establish Centres for Learning and Wellbeing now in operation in Mt Isa, Atherton, Emerald and Roma, providing professional development for teachers and school leaders
- Introduction of a Workload Advisory Council to review workload impact issues at school, regional and state-wide levels
- New Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher classifications, recognising our best, high performing teachers and keeping them in the classroom
- \$24.8 million over four years from 2018 to deliver an extra 4,000 teacher aide hours in prep per week, providing vital additional teacher aide time for prep classes.

## NEWMAN-FRECKLINGTON LEGACY

The LNP left behind a disastrous legacy of education cuts, sackings and school closures last time they were in office.

Instead of building for enrolment growth across the state, they cut more than 500 teaching positions from Queensland schools and sacked 700 education support staff.

They cut programs designed specifically to support students and families.

- Cut \$133,000 from the Ready Readers volunteers training program
- Cut \$291,000 from the Positive Parenting Program
- Cut \$100,000 from the Pyjama Foundation, a mentoring program to encourage reading among foster children.

And true to form, their latest education promise of 3,350 teachers over the next four years is actually another cut of 2,840 teachers on what is needed to keep up with natural attrition and then provide for growth in student numbers.

Judge both parties on their record. The LNP cut 500 teaching positions. Labor has delivered 6,000 new teachers since 2015 and will deliver 6,000 plus more.

We back our teachers. The LNP cuts them.

Only Labor will continue to deliver the ongoing investment our students need for a world class education.



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