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## Dear Mrs Jones

I am delighted to confirm Meridan State College will soon benefit from the Palaszczuk Government's Cooler Cleaner Schools Program (CCSP).

As part of the CCSP, the Queensland Government is proud to be investing more than \$477 million on this package.

The CCSP will ensure all Queensland state school classrooms, libraries and staff rooms are air conditioned by the end of June 2022, delivering more comfortable teaching and learning environments for our students and staff.

The CCSP will also invest \$71.1 million to support additional solar panels under the *Advancing Clean Energy Schools* program to offset the additional energy requirements of our cooler schools.

I understand the Department of Education's Infrastructure Services Branch has been in contact with you in relation to your school's air conditioning requirements. I encourage you to liaise with the department's air conditioning team if you have any questions about the CCSP.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the fantastic work already done by Parents and Citizens' Associations (P&Cs) and school communities in the past to provide air conditioning in schools.

This additional funding will not only allow the Government to build on that great work and continue to roll-out more air conditioning to schools across the State, it will also allow schools to confidently plan for the future, knowing that their future air conditioning needs are catered for.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to providing improved learning environments for all our students and staff across the State and this year alone is investing some \$1.5 billion in state school infrastructure.

I would appreciate you sharing this letter with your P&C so that it can be tabled at the next P&C meeting.

These are exciting times for education in our great state and I am delighted to be able to confirm your school's involvement in this wonderful initiative that will make our schools even more comfortable for our students and staff

If you require further information or assistance, please contact Mr Adam Boersma, Program Manager, Infrastructure Planning and Delivery, on (07) 3034 5057 or by email at <a href="mailto:AirCon.Infrastructure@qed.qld.gov.au">AirCon.Infrastructure@qed.qld.gov.au</a>.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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