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MEDIA RELEASE

School safety boost

The Newman Government is ramping up its commitment to improving safety around school zones.

Member for Albert Mark Boothman said the ongoing program aimed at installing school flashing lights at multi-lane campuses across Queensland would be finished by June.

"I am pleased to see several schools in my electorate are set to receive flashing lights this week to alert motorists they're approaching a school zone," Mr Boothman said.

"These schools are Coomera Anglican College, Coomera Springs State School, Saint Stephen's College and Upper Coomera State College.

"This extra safety boost is particularly important for children at multi-lane schools, as there is generally a higher volume of traffic passing the school.

"The Newman Government is committed to the safety of all Queenslanders, especially our littlest ones and flashing school lights will ensure an extra safety boost around school zones.

"The signs act as an extra reminder for parents and other motorists to slow down in and around school areas while young Queenslanders make their way to and from school.

"Motorists need to remember children are unpredictable when crossing streets and by slowing down you are diffusing a potentially dangerous situation."

Transport and Main Roads Minister Scott Emerson said the installation of flashing lights at schools with multi-lane campuses is in addition to the \$10 million commitment announced during the election.

"Already as part of this program we have delivered lights to 15 schools and announced the next 33 schools set to receive lights before the end of this financial year," Mr Emerson said.

"This program will benefit more than 300 schools over the next four years adding a much needed safety boost for schools all over the state."

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