

Media Release

20 May 2021

All aboard for new bus bay at Tannum Sands State School

Students at Tannum Sands State School will be safer following the completion of a new bus bay located along Waratah Crescent.

The \$589,000 project, funded by the Queensland Government's School Transport Infrastructure Program included concreting, signage installation, line marking, retaining wall, stair and fence work.

Work began in January and wrapped up in late April with parents, students and teachers notified of changed pick-up and drop-off conditions prior to the commencement of Term 1.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the completed project has improved safety for students and road users along Waratah Crescent.

"Students now have a dedicated bus bay separate from through traffic on Waratah Crescent, making school drop offs and pickups much smoother and safer for students, teachers, bus drivers and road users," Councillor Burnett said.

"The new bus bay can hold up to three buses at once, while safety improvements have been made to the vehicle pick-up and drop-off area which will hopefully make the morning and afternoon commute safer and less stressful for parents and students.

"Council would like to thank students, teachers and parents of Tannum Sands State School and road users of Waratah Crescent for their patience during the construction phase."

Member for Gladstone Glenn Butcher said the School Transport Infrastructure Program had delivered more than \$20 million to support schools across Queensland.

"This funding has been crucial in securing new traffic signals, "stop, drop and go" zones, car park modifications, footpaths, bus and vehicle turnaround areas, pedestrian crossings and dedicated turning lanes," Mr Butcher said.

"Importantly, it's also helped to create jobs for local businesses and contractors.

"Those jobs are important now more than ever as we look for ways to spend locally and boost our economic recovery."

Tannum Sands State School principal John Adie said the project had been welcomed by the school community.

MORE



For further information contact Council's Brand and Communications Team on 4970 0700 or media@gladstone.qld.gov.au

Media Release

“The safety of staff and students is our highest priority, and this will provide easier access during some of the busiest times of our school day,” Mr Adie said.

“It looks wonderful and helps give a great first impression for our school.”

The Tannum Sands State School New Bus Bay Project is an initiative of the Queensland Government’s Queensland Government’s School Transport Infrastructure Program and Gladstone Regional Council.

ENDS