

## **Kelvin Grove State College sports centre inspires next generation of athletes**

Kelvin Grove State College's new \$21.4 million (GST inclusive) Brooker Stadium and Sports Centre was today officially opened as part of the Queensland Government's 2020 Ready program.

Education Minister Grace Grace said the Queensland Government's 2020 Ready program had been all about preparing our secondary schools for the 2020 school year.

"This fantastic investment at Kelvin Grove State College has delivered an impressive three storey facility which will enhance learning opportunities for students, particularly those passionate about sport," Ms Grace said.

"The ground floor of this modern building includes 17 classrooms, staff room, amenities and car park.

"The second and third levels include three enclosed multi-purpose courts (3 basketball, 5 volley ball, Netball and Badminton) and additional staff and specialty spaces.

Ms Grace said, the specialty spaces included a Kinesiology lab, Pilates Room, Weights Room, Physio Treatment room - all which will enable the school to continue to provide a unique learning experience for the students in your College Sporting Excellence programs; Tennis, Golf, Football and Volleyball.

"Kelvin Grove State College has a strong reputation of sporting excellence and am sure these new and refurbished spaces will assist students to reach their full potential during, and long after, their time at the school," Ms Grace said.

"The stadium has been named in dedication to teacher Heather Brooker, who shared her passion for education and sport for 29 years at the College and is remembered fondly by the school community."

Ms Grace said the state-of-the-art facilities were a clear example of how we are delivering facilities for schools across Queensland.

"With the original half-cohort of Prep students having graduated from school at the end of 2019, for the first time, this year has been the first to see six full secondary year levels in our state high schools," Ms Grace said.

"We have invested an additional \$250 million in more than 60 secondary schools to deliver new classrooms and educational infrastructure to accommodate an extra 17,000 students.

"In 2019–20 the Queensland Government delivered an overall infrastructure investment portfolio across the state valued at more than \$1.46 billion.

"This investment also helped to drive the Queensland economy by supporting an estimated 4800 full-time jobs through the delivery of important infrastructure projects right across the state.

During construction, the Kelvin Grove State College project supported up to 64 full-time jobs.

Kelvin Grove State College Principal Llew Paulger said the new facilities had been welcomed by the whole school community.

"We are incredibly grateful that our school has benefited from the 2020 Ready program," Mr Paulger said

“This new centre and stadium enables us to provide our students with a world-class learning environment for a multitude of classes and students who will access it every week.

“This world-class facility enables our college to prepare our student athletes to be ready for their future in their chosen pathways, whatever their involvement may entail – player, coach, health care and professional and para-professional roles.

“This new facility will not only enhance this specialised learning, but will also prove a fantastic space for whole-of-school and community events.”

Education Minister Grace Grace officially opened the Brooker Stadium and Sports Centre (2020 Ready) at Kelvin Grove State College this morning.

For more information on the 2020 Ready program visit:

<https://qed.qld.gov.au/programsinitiatives/det/building-education/major-projects-and-initiatives/2020-ready-program>

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