

John Paul Langbrock, Queensland Minister for Education and the Arts, outlined three main ways to support school leaders: reduce red tape by implementing one plan for student support, a single quote threshold under \$10K for building/works, a single point for teacher recruitment, encouragement for small schools to come together, senior executives returning to the classroom, and common guidelines for parents. He also highlighted behaviour initiatives and resourcing, including \$45M/year for behaviour support/guidance officers, rollout of workplace safety officers as a school support model, national funding initiatives, and a “no excuse” stance on school abuse.

On anti-bullying (reframed as Modern Day Bullying) he noted the issue has changed and requires a taskforce of experts (e.g., Michael Carr-Gregg), more chaplains in schools, professional development for teachers, and better parent communication. He concluded that great schools are built on strong leadership and that the Minister has school leaders’ backs.