$12 million for flashing lights put safety first at school zones

Flashing lights will be installed at an extra 300 Queensland school zones over the next three years to enhance road safety for students.

Main Roads and Road Safety Minister Mark Bailey said $12 million had been allocated in the 2015-2016 State Budget to boost safety for school students across Queensland.

“The flashing signs have been a resounding success since the Labor Government introduced them in 2010.

“Since then, flashing lights have been installed at more than 450 school zones across Queensland.

“Most drivers have noticed the bright, orange flashing signs as they pass through school zones and that’s exactly what they were designed for – to alert drivers to be mindful of the presence of school children on or near the roadway.

“The results of a recent survey found that motorists were more aware of the lower speed limit when the flashing signs were operating.”

“The Palaszczuk Government remains committed to ensuring the safety of students travelling to and from school.”

Mr Bailey said a number of important factors were taken into account when assessing school sites for flashing lights, such as the accident history, traffic volumes, pedestrian movements, the speed limit and visibility.

“Feedback from schools and the local community is valuable and is also taken into consideration. This way, we can best identify those schools where flashing lights will have the most impact,” Mr Bailey said.

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