

Cooler pool for school

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STUDENTS at Miriam Vale State School can look forward to swimming under new shade structures thanks to the kind support of Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL).

In December 2005 Mr Odgers, the chief financial officer for QAL, attended the school awards night, where he heard about the school's desire to install a learn to swim pool. Following the awards night, Mr Odgers contacted the school pledging support.

The pool installation was completed in October 2007, however the project still needed shades to provide a sun safe environment for stu-

dents. Principal Michael Hurst said he was most appreciative of the initial indication of support from QAL as it gave us confidence to achieve our goal.

QAL immediately honoured its pledge of support by providing the shade structures when the funds obtained ran out.

"Their support has been a real lift for our school. I can't wait for the students to see the difference it has made," Mr Hurst said.

Thanks to QAL the schools learn to swim classes for the younger students and after school recreational swimming have not only proved to be very popular but most importantly assisted in making our students water safe.