At times small schools in regional and rural Queensland can be forgotten.

Member for Hill Shane Knuth said he had been working hard throughout his political career to ensure that regional and rural schools, infrastructure and equipment is on par with those in the city.

After an invitation from the Dimbulah P-10 State School P&C committee, Mr Knuth visited the school to see the positives and the things that need improvement.

During the visit, Mr Knuth saw the manual arts classroom which reminded him of his manual arts room from back in the early 1970s.

“It is important for our youths to get a great educations and schools, like Dimbulah, teaches students important trade skills but with obsolete equipment it makes it harder for students,” Mr Knuth said.

He raised the issue with Education Minister as soon as I was contacted by the P&C and

“I am pleased the minister office is willing to work with the school to upgrade equipment,” he said.

Dimbulah State School principal Tuki Brown said he was excited by Mr Knuth’s visit.

“Mr Knuth has been very active in supporting the school and P&C to source funding to replace fixed machinery that was decommissioned last year through a state-wide departmental audit,” Mr Brown said.

“Due to the size of our school and available funds, we have only been able to replace one of the seven pieces of necessary equipment.

“We have received promising feedback regarding financial support to address the shortfall.”

Mr Brown was thankful to both Mr Knuth and the Minister for their support of the school.

**Caption:** (Back) Dimbulah State School P&C secretary Edward Balzarolo, principal Tuki Brown, P&C president Jason McDermott, (front) Member for Hill Shane Knuth and manual arts teacher Jason Carey in the current manual arts classroom at Dimbulah State School. PHOTO: Supplied

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