



Speech by

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### **CLONTARF BEACH STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

**Hon. D. M. WELLS** (Murrumba—ALP) (Minister for Education) (7 p.m.): Recently, Clontarf Beach State High School was unjustly characterised in the Courier-Mail. However, Clontarf Beach State High School is the largest high school in Redcliffe, and it can list many significant achievements. For example, it has greater than a 100% retention rate of students who complete Year 10. That is to say, not only do all the students who complete Year 10 go on to Year 11 but others enrol at the school from outside. It has the most extensive and well-developed marine education facility in Queensland, which was highlighted on Brisbane Extra in 1997. In 1998, one student was selected as one of two students in Queensland, voted by her peers, to represent both private and public schools at the Constitutional Convention in Canberra. This is Clontarf's second success in this sphere in five years.

Clontarf Beach State High School students consistently achieve in the academic tournament at a regional level against private and State schools. In 1997, the junior school mathematics team was successful in winning a gold medal. In 1998, one student was placed in the top half of the top 1% in the Australian Westpac maths competition. Ninety per cent of students who were tertiary bound in Year 12 obtained placement in tertiary courses.

Clontarf Beach State High School is at the forefront in obtaining school-based traineeships and apprenticeships. Twelve places out of the 15 offered from one group training organisation went to the school. The school has a strong representation in regional sports competitions. Dance and the performing arts are well respected features of the school community.

The social and community support work of the school is intense. In 1998, the school was proud to be involved in hosting the anti-drug initiative involving police, private school personnel and members of State and independent high schools from the region. The school has supported a large number of charities, organised by the student council. There has been strong student representation in youth forums, including the Redcliffe Youth Council. For over 30 years the school has had a high profile and the criticism that was made of the school was most unjust.

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