



Speech by

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HIGH SCHOOL, BURPENGARY/NARANGBA DISTRICT

Hon. K. W. HAYWARD (Kallangur—ALP) (7.08 p.m.): I rise in the Parliament tonight to report progress on the new high school which is to be constructed to service the Burpengary/Narangba area in my electorate. This school is due to commence taking Grade 8 students in the year 2000. The students will be drawn from five primary schools in the district. Currently, students in the area attend two excellent State high schools at Dakabin and Morayfield. However, those schools have gone well over their limit in the last three or four years. I congratulate the Government on the decision to begin the work so that this new high school can open.

A new high school has been a very strong community issue in the Burpengary/Narangba area for many years. In this case we are able to see a can-do Beattie Labor Government delivering a high school to the district.

I have had the opportunity to attend one of a series of community meetings in relation to this matter. These meetings were important because they enabled representatives of the Education Department and the Transport Department to attend. People who live in the area, or people who have children in Grade 7 this year and who intend to go to high school next year, were able to attend.

The sorts of issues that come up at those meetings relate to the school's design, its size, what it might be called and what size it may open with initially. I understand that it will be built to cater for 500 students, although there is an expectation that about 240 students will start off at Year 8 next year.

Time expired.
