



Speech by

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Ms MOLLOY (Noosa—ALP) (8.52 p.m.): There are many great schools in my electorate. Tonight I want to introduce the House to four of those schools and, at a later date, the other very good schools.

The Coolum State School is situated near the emu farm and adjacent to a light industrial area. This school is headed by a principal of vision and dedication, Pat Cavanagh, who has a terrific team of intelligent, caring professionals. The teachers, the teachers aides, the tuckshop mums and dads, cleaners and groundspeople are all professionals. The Coolum Primary School is presently awaiting the arrival of a much-needed demountable to house the ever-increasing number of delightful children. I must thank the minister, Anna Bligh, for her assistance in securing this extra space. I believe that school is an excellent example of how the Coolum community is developing a wonderful community spirit. The children are blossoming in the school due to the care, concern and leadership that I have personally witnessed. But the school is not without its problems, and I will discuss those issues at a later time.

The Coolum State High School is also an example of the dedication of principals and teachers in this state. I commend the principal and teachers for their vision, the care they demonstrate and their expertise in teaching these young people. As a parent of teenagers, I know it is often a labour of love to give direction and stay on track when coping with feisty young people. Coolum High has been displaying excellent outcomes not only academically but also at a social level in educating holistically and supporting the families of our very young people.

Sunshine Beach State School is also a delightful school which my youngest child, Bonnie, attends. The principal, Sue Pearce, is truly a woman whom I respect and admire. Sue is well known throughout the region for her excellence in education and academic outcomes. Both Melanie and Bonnie Molloy have blossomed under the tutelage of the great teachers at the Sunshine Beach Primary School. The wider school community, the P&C, the tuckshop mums and dads, the teachers aides and Sid all make the Sunshine Beach Primary School the lovely place that it is today.

The Sunshine Beach State High School has recently built a new music block to be opened soon—another great Labor government initiative. I know the outcomes of this school, the excellence of leadership in Mr Stevens, the principal, and the excellence in teaching. I know how grounding and supportive this environment is because Honorlee, my eldest daughter, graduated from there and has gone on to university. Melanie still enjoys being a student there. She is being well educated holistically by a remarkable team and is developing into a lovely young woman. All of these schools are working hard to bring about the best social and academic outcomes, and I applaud their hard work.
