



Speech by

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SOUTHPORT STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Mr LANGBROEK (Surfers Paradise—Lib) (10.26 a.m.): On 28 April the member for Southport got up in this House and read from an article written by Mr Rob Stones, the principal of the Southport State High School, in the school's February newsletter. This article contained a shameless attack on the Prime Minister, accusing him of using wedge politics and divisive issues to stay in government. I find it extraordinary that this government not only allows but in fact boasts in this place about a current public servant using a taxpayer funded newsletter to espouse this ideologically based ALP diatribe.

We constantly hear from this government how more resources are needed in our state school sector, yet the government appears to be quite happy—in fact, quite proud—to allow one of its principals to misuse a school's newsletter funded from the school's budget in this way. The minister needs to come out and denounce the actions of this misguided principal and apologise to the taxpayers of this state for the needless waste of valuable education dollars. In conclusion, may I just suggest to Mr Stones that if he wishes to provide political commentary—

Mr Copeland interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Member for Cunningham, that is a reflection on the chair and the member will withdraw.

Mr COPELAND: I withdraw.

Mr LANGBROEK: If he wishes to provide political commentary and take cheap shots at the Prime Minister instead of using a taxpayer funded state high school newsletter to espouse his biased and ALP oriented diatribe, he should leave the security of the classroom and run for public office himself.