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### STATE EDUCATION WEEK

**Mrs CROFT** (Broadwater—ALP) (8.59 p.m.): This week is State Education Week. State Education Week provides parents in the wider community with the opportunity to celebrate excellence in state education and to find out more about the important changes to Queensland's education system. Indeed, state schools are great schools, and the schools in the Broadwater electorate are no exception.

I am pleased to inform the House about the activities being undertaken by state schools in the electorate of Broadwater to help celebrate State Education Week. I am aware that Coombabah High School's string sextet will be performing at a government business conference at the Gold Coast International Hotel on Thursday, 20 May. I understand that this is actually the second year running the group has been requested to play. On this day also the stage band will combine with members from the Robina and Southport high schools in a one-day workshop at Labrador Primary School followed by a performance at the Broadbeach Blues Festival on Friday, 21 May. The opening night for the school's musical *Calamity Jane* is 26 May, with performances also on 27 and 28 May, and I certainly look forward to attending.

On Wednesday I will be attending a school expo at the Coombabah Primary School that features a musical performance, displays and the presentation of the school's triennial school review. The evening program will showcase to parents and citizens the school's achievements, outcomes and future direction with the focus areas including the gifted and talented programs and the Special Education Unit. Labrador Primary School has prepared a full week of activities for students and parents, starting off with a week-long display at Australia Fair Shopping Centre outside Flight Centre. Each day various year levels will be having open classroom times for visiting parents and potential parents, and there are a number of activities outside the school for school students to participate in, including a demonstration lesson by the SEU students and staff at Australia Fair's centre stage on Wednesday.

The academic and social development of young Queenslanders is a responsibility the teachers and support staff in our state schools are dedicated and committed to. In each of the schools in the Broadwater electorate I know that the best learning environments committed to by those schools are achieved by the efforts of all of those working and involved in our schools. Therefore, I want to take this opportunity in State Education Week to thank the principals, the teachers, the teacher aides, the administration staff, the groundspeople, the janitors, the crossing supervisors and the wonderful volunteers who help out in the tuckshops, uniform shops or on the P&C committees.

On Friday I will demonstrate my support for State Education Week and the innovative and excellent learning environments offered by our state schools by heading back to school as shadow to the Acting Principal of Labrador Primary School, Mrs Sharon Cummings, and her deputy, Mrs Michelle Brown. I am certainly looking forward to this opportunity. State schools are the backbone of our education system. It is important that communities get behind their schools to celebrate the great work they do. I look forward to visiting the great state schools of Biggera Waters, Labrador and Coombabah primary schools and Coombabah High School in the Broadwater electorate.

