



Speech by

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NARANGBA VALLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Hon. KW HAYWARD (Kallangur—ALP) (6.05 pm): Previously in this House I have spoken about the Narangba Valley State High School. I have had the opportunity as the local member since the school opened in 2000 to observe and strenuously support its growth. The school began with 300 year 8 students and with great teaching staff, a parents and citizens committee and, most importantly, the support of all residents of Narangba and Burpengary. The school now has a student population of 1,558.

Narangba Valley State High School is a practical example of the government's vision for Queensland as a dynamic and progressive Smart State. In the budget debate in 2001, I said that the school was developing students in Narangba and Burpengary for their futures and creating a knowledge culture in these young people. As I said, Narangba Valley State High School is a very young school. The school conducts a focused approach, concentrating on special accelerated learning classes in English, maths and science. There are various academy programs and the school undertakes an intensive Queensland core skills test preparation program. The aim of these activities is to ensure that Narangba Valley State High School students are in the very best possible position to achieve to their full potential.

The results of this hard work have been immediate and direct. As a practical example, year 12 students of 2006 demonstrated outstanding performances with regard to OP scores. We should not forget that Narangba Valley State High School opened with only grade 8s in 2000, just six years earlier. OP 1 to 15 data, the measure by which schools are compared, shows that over seven out of 10 students achieved OP scores from 1 to 15. This result has placed Narangba Valley State High School as the highest performing state high school both in the Sunshine Coast South District and for the entire Sunshine Coast region—a truly great achievement for such a young school. Incidentally, individually the school achieved two OP1s and six OP3s.

I have previously said that Narangba Valley State High School is a beacon of learning within our local community. With these results in 2006, it is now a beacon of learning on the Sunshine Coast. Great credit is due to the diligent and hardworking staff, the school's leadership, the school's parents and citizens committee and the local Narangba and Burpengary community. But most credit is due to the Narangba Valley State High School student body.