



Speech by

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BENOWA STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Mr LANGBROEK (Surfers Paradise—Lib) (9.29 pm): Benowa State High School, the only state high school in the electorate of Surfers Paradise, had a careers showcase on 13 May 2008. The school's motto is 'Many pathways—no limits'. An extension of the motto is 'We are a community that encourages excellence, applauds achievements and celebrates diversity'. I attended the career showcase last year.

It is held every year and has a number of aims. It promotes vocational learning, as a valid and valued pathway for all of its students; it profiles student achievement in vocational education and training over the previous 12 months and celebrates student success as well as providing younger students with role models in VET; it recognises its industry partners and affords them an opportunity to thank them for their contribution; and it provides parents and students with the opportunity to access VET providers, trainers and employers and make some decisions about the student's future pathway.

The school industry liaison officer, Miss Louise Horan, works from the careers centre in the school to assist students with finding work experience so that they are prepared for securing traineeships. This year nearly 50 students have completed or engaged in traineeships and over 100 students have been out on work experience. It is an ongoing process which has the support of the school administration in terms of accommodating student needs in the timetable. The head of senior schooling is Yvonne Hucks and the principal is Mark Rickard. I know they are very supportive of the whole arrangement.

The school has established a strong partnership with TAFE and students are released to attend TAFE courses. They have or have had about 30 or 40 students enrolled in courses such as a certificate III in hospitality, a certificate III in medical administration, a certificate III in fitness and a diploma of multimedia. In published data, last year 100 per cent of the students of Benowa State High School graduated from year 12 with either an OP or a VET qualification.

They work very strongly to ensure that students are properly prepared for when they leave school, whether they are headed to further studies or employment. The vocational pathway is strongly supported and valued in the school and stands firmly alongside the academic pathway. It is to be noted that the school is in need of a performing arts centre. It is not mentioned in this year's budget. It is something I have been mentioning since I have been in this place and I would ask the Treasurer and the minister for education to consider it for next year's budget.

I congratulate the students who assisted on the evening and the administration and staff of Benowa State High School who also helped to make the career showcase a good evening. I have asked the Speaker if I could have the names of award winners incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

Appreciation Certificates

Mrs Jane Brown & Hospitality Students

Alyssa Barrett, Claire Brady, Max Bruehl, Elle Burton, Nickolas Carr, Jasmine Eather, Rio-Jade Fairhurst, Emma Flynn, Laura Hille, Lukas Hirschwald, Sarah Hogarth, Cindy Lin, Kerran McNeight, Ricarda Missfeldt, Katherina Morgenthaler, Crystal Phillips, Naryssa-Lee Warner, Samantha Williams.

"No Limits" Gold Awards

Alana Alford, Cert III in Hospitality (Operations) Sea World Nara Resort
Thomas Hedges, Cert II & III in Retail Operations (Hungry Jacks)
Shannon Jelonek, Cert II in Retail Operations (Gloria Jeans Coffee)

“No Limits” Awards to School-based Trainees

Alyssa Barrett, Cert III Hospitality (Watermark Hotel)
Elle Burton, Cert III Hospitality (Café Sorrento)
Mitchell Carlson, Cert III Hospitality (Sea World Resort)
Nickolas Carr, Cert III Hospitality (Benowa Juices)
Johnny Cheng, Cert III Hospitality (Mantra Legends)
Edward Cooling, Cert II Horticulture (Daly's Native Plants)
Elizabeth Cooling, Cert II Retail Operations (Red Rooster)
James Cripps, Cert III Marine Craft (Riviera)
Nicola Dando, Cert II Retail Operations (Hungry Jack's)
Rio-Jade Fairhurst, Cert III Hospitality (Café Chino)
James Freeman, Cert III Carpentry (JHA Rem Bldg)
Stephanie Giltrap, Cert III Children's Services (Benowa Primary)
Elle Glassey, Cert III Hospitality (Sea World)
Teiha Green, Cert II Hairdressing (Hair Studio Carrara)
Siantelle McNatty, Cert III Hospitality (Watermark Hotel)
Luke Mazur, Cert III Auto Mechanical (Team Moto Honda)
Johnny Melissa, Cert II retail Operations (Australia Post)
Amber Nathan-Webster, Cert II Hairdressing (Artists United)
Patryce Nona, Cert II Hospitality (Sea World Nara)
Jesse O'Neill, Cert III Construction (Lambausa Builders)
Bradley Smith, Cert III Hospitality Operations (Paradise Resort)
Samantha Williams, Cert III Hospitality Operations (Mantra Legends)
Mitchell Wilson, Cert III Hospitality Operations (GC Int Hotel)
Tamsin Wood, Cert II Retail Operations (McDonald's)
Emi Zorko, Cert II Retail Operations (McDonald's)

“No Limits” Awards to VET Students

Tea Torbinio, Cert II Tourism—Operations
Linda Woelk, Cert II Tourism—Operations
Jordan Lo, Photography
Ayana Tsujino, Photography
Amy Tooma, Cert II in Business
Nicole Walker, Cert II in Business
Nana Miyakawa, Cert I Work Education
Stephanie Giltrap, Cert I Work Education
Kyla Barton, Cert I Work Education
Tegan Whitehead, Cert I Work Education

“No Limits” Awards to TAFE Students

Chloe Tucker, Cert III Fitness
Cara Cumming, Cert III Fitness
Shannon Jelonek, Cert III in Business
Courtney Higgs, Cert III in Business
Sarah Wyllie, Cert II in Business
Jesse Russell, Cert/Diploma Multimedia
Allan Wood, Cert/Diploma Multimedia
Morgan Hayes, Cert/Diploma Multimedia
Tony Hao-Yu Liao, Cert/Diploma Multimedia
Mitch Lever, Cert III Hospitality

Certificates of Appreciation to invited Guests for their contribution to the Showcase

SCISCO—Chelsea Hamre
Smart Employment Solutions—Debbie Davey
GC TAFE-Ashmore Campus—Kate Deacon
Busy At Work—Kim Moulder
Currumbin Sanctuary—Nisha Hubbard & Teresa Estrada
Greencross Vets—Jodie Swann
McDonald's—Michelle Brylowski
Migas—Dave Harper
Price-Waterhouse Coopers—Lauren Humphreys
Defence Force Academy—Flight Sgt Gavin Durnford
Gold Coast Training Academy—Vivienne Richardson
Tabma Qld—Alicia Oelkers & Karen Johnston
Riviera Marine—Katrina West
Australian College of Integrated Therapies—Leonie Crowe
Community Support Group—Tate Crocker
International Film College—Travis Trewin
Academy of Design—Rycki Symons

Certificates of Appreciation

To student assistants for their contribution to the Showcase

Shannon Jelonek, Jazmin Ripikoi, Mii Ngarea, Tyrone Smith, Tegan Whitehead, Garran Ma, Jessica Horan, Holly Nathan-Webster, Brittany Turner

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