



Speech by

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LITERACY AND NUMERACY

Hon. CR DICK (Greenslopes—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Industrial Relations) (11.36 pm): The Bligh government is committed to delivering world-class education and understands the importance of fundamental literacy and numeracy skills. Fourteen schools in the Greenslopes electorate sat for the National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy test this year. I am very pleased to report that they all did tremendously well, with many showing significant improvements on their 2008 scores.

The students of Loreto College at Coorparoo continue to show very impressive results, with 99 per cent of students tested achieving above the national benchmark in every category. Similarly, 90 per cent of all Mount Gravatt State High School students and students at St Agnes Catholic Primary School at Mount Gravatt and 95 per cent of all Villanova College students achieved above the national benchmark in every category for the second year in a row.

I wish to highlight the fantastic improvement of the children in years 5 and 7 at Seville Road State School at Holland Park. Year 5 spelling results are at 96 per cent—up from 68 per cent last year—and numeracy for students in year 5 is at 87 per cent—up from 71 per cent. Year 7 students achieved 84 per cent for spelling and 89 per cent for grammar and punctuation—both up from 63 per cent last year. I look forward to Seville Road children continuing to improve on these great scores next year.

Marshall Road State School also achieved great results, with year 3 students achieving 100 per cent in four of the five testing categories. Year 7 students were also very high achievers, with 100 per cent in writing—up from 91 per cent last year. Cavendish Road State High School's year 9 students performed well again, with improvements in every category. Numeracy skills are up from 92 per cent in 2008 to 97 per cent this year. All of the students tested at Coorparoo State School this year achieved above 95 per cent in all categories—a great improvement on last year. Year 3 reading was at 98 per cent this year—up from 93 per cent last year—and year 7 writing was 98 per cent—up from 92 per cent. At Coorparoo Secondary College, students showed improvements in almost every category, with year 9 achieving 91 per cent in numeracy, beating their score of 88 per cent the previous year.

At Holland Park State High School, students achieved 92 per cent in writing—a seven per cent improvement on the previous year. At Holland Park Primary School, year 3 students improved on their scores in every single category, with reading at 94 per cent—up from 86 per cent last year. The students of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School at Coorparoo were very high achievers again this year, with year 5 writing at 98 per cent—up from 93 per cent last year—and reading at 100 per cent—a five per cent improvement. At Mount Gravatt State School, year 5 students scored 97 per cent in numeracy, which is up 21 per cent on last year's results. Year 7 writing was at 92 per cent—up from 65 per cent in 2008. This is a terrific improvement.

Last but not least, the year 7 students at St Joachim's Primary School at Holland Park deserve a very special mention for achieving 100 per cent in all categories for the second year in a row. Year 5 reading was also up from 83 per cent in 2008 to 100 per cent this year. I would like to extend my congratulations to all students tested. I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of our valued school principals and teachers and all parents who assisted in the achievement of these excellent results. All students in the Greenslopes electorate should be very proud of their achievements.