



Speech by

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## **NARANGBA VALLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL; MORAYFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

**Mr RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (10.27 pm): All the schools in my electorate are outstanding educational institutions, and I am very privileged to represent those school communities in the Queensland parliament. In the past few weeks I have been able to attend a number of local events hosted by schools in my electorate. One such event was the Narangba Valley State High School 2009-10 student leader investiture. This ceremony acknowledges the strong and committed leadership of the outgoing student leaders and celebrates the trust and great honour bestowed upon the incoming student leaders. Accordingly, I take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and dedication consistently displayed by the outgoing school captains, Karla Van Grinsven and Michael Anstey, and the house captains and members of the student council executive during the past executive year.

Also, I congratulate the incoming student leaders: school captains Nathan Newton and Kristiane Fox; house captains Stacey Martin, Sheridan Budd, Nathaniel Edwards, Sara Moffett, Kharla Jones, Katelyn Roberts, Rachel Roth and Meg Thompson; and members of the student council executive Lauren Darben, Caitlin Fitzgerald, Jessica Barr and Trent Clark. A common saying around Narangba Valley State High School is 'respect, integrity and commitment'. I have no doubt that the incoming student leaders will consistently exhibit those qualities in their role of serving the needs of their school community.

It would be remiss of me not to comment on the actual student investiture ceremony. The solo violin performance by Jennifer Thomsen, the singing of the national anthem by Amy Bryant and the musical pieces performed by the Narangba Valley State High School Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Aleisha Edwards were, as always, impressive and emphasised the amazing resident talent at the Narangba Valley State High School. Cameron McRae, who was the first co-captain of Narangba Valley State High School in 2003, was the keynote speaker for the ceremony. Cameron is to be commended for his instructive words and insights about the demands and expectations of leadership.

Also, I was fortunate to participate in the National Schools Tree Day at Morayfield State High School. Participation in this year's National Schools Tree Day by the Morayfield State High School grew from an idea of the year 9 Green Team. The year 9 Green Team is to be commended on their vision and their commitment to our environment and our future. Along with the year 9 Green Team, some year 11 students and school principal Sharyn Donald, I was pleased to contribute to the green space at the Morayfield State High School by planting trees at various locations around the school.

I was also pleased to be able to spend some time chatting with some of the year 11 students. If you ever want an example of young people who are role models, who are people of integrity, who have a positive view to the future and who are outstanding advocates for their school and community, then you need look no further than the students of Morayfield State High School. I congratulate the teachers and students of Morayfield State High School on the outstanding results in the NAPLAN tests. I am particularly proud of their placement among the top 20 improvers.