



Speech by

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### GLASS HOUSE ELECTORATE, SCHOOL LEADER INDUCTION DAY

**Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (9.14 pm): Last Friday was school leader induction day in the electorate of Glass House. There are few more uplifting experiences for a member of parliament than to witness another generation of school leaders formally inducted into their positions, for we all know that these school leaders will be at the vanguard of our communities, businesses and governments in the years to come.

Elimbah State School was first off the rank with Sheridan Fleming, Jacob Marshman, Michaela Grant and Joseph Marsters being presented their school captain badges. Sheridan, Jacob, Michaela and Joseph have wasted no time in adopting the formal requirements of their leadership positions, leading the school of more than 500 students in the Lord's Prayer, school creed, merit awards and the famous superbus presentations. Special mention must go to young Joseph, who had to support a scaled superbus model, while principal Gary Austen drew out the winners. The fact that the model was almost the same size as Joseph is testament to his perseverance and strength.

It was then on to Woodford P-10 State School. Being a P to 10, the induction ceremony was of a slightly larger scale. It was my pleasure, alongside the federal member for Fisher, Peter Slipper, the P&C president, Michael Wallis, and the RSL president, Ron Nipperess, to present badges to the school's new junior leaders, senior and junior house captains, student council representatives, the student council executive and the senior school captains. So, in no particular order, my congratulations go to Troy, Bianca, Brody, Anastasia, Conner, Kristina, Rachel, Tyler, Lisa, Roxanne, Kayn, Aidan, Steevylee, Ben, Taylah, Nikki, Anthony, Leith, Kate, Laura, Madeline, Liam, Teeneka, Carina, Naivasha, Adin, and Tegan.

To senior school captains Quinlan Van Nunen and Elisha Condie, well done. Elisha, public speaking does not come naturally to everyone, so you did exceptionally well in emceeding the ceremony. Continue to back yourself. The nerves will eventually disappear. And, Quinlan, keep that sense of humour. It will hold you in good stead for the busy and challenging year ahead. I know you will both work hard alongside your principal, Mrs Ronnie Hill, to ensure today's effort is tomorrow's success.

Friday concluded with an invitation from Montville State School principal, Ms Mary Hynes, to attend the opening of their new school facilities. A big thank you to year 7 student Neeve Netherwood for meeting me at the school gate and conducting me on a personal and very professional tour of the school. It was yet again inspiring to see new leaders rise to new challenges. School captains Mitchell Duggan and Anja Christoffersen had only been in the job for a week when asked to emcee this auspicious occasion with senators, members of parliament and many old boys and old girls in the audience.

I often hear laments that younger generations do not meet the high expectations set by those who have preceded them. I can assure members and the constituents of Glass House that if these leaders are representative of their generation then our future, our communities, businesses and government will be in very safe and capable hands.