



Speech by

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### MARSHALL ROAD STATE SCHOOL

**Hon. CR DICK** (Greenslopes—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Industrial Relations) (5.27 pm): On Saturday, 24 July 2010 it was my very great privilege to attend the 50th anniversary celebrations of Marshall Road State School. For 50 years this great school has been educating southside children, preparing them to take their place in the world and putting them on the path to lifelong learning and success. Marshall Road State School holds a very important place in my heart as it was where, more than 3½ decades ago, I commenced my primary schooling. I completed my primary schooling at Marshall Road State School and as a former student and now the local state member of parliament, I was very proud to open the school's 50th anniversary fete. A reunion of students was also held on the day and it was great to see so many former students and friends, some stretching back to 1960—the first year of the school—back at Marshall Road State School. Also in attendance on the day were the Hon. Kevin Rudd MP, the federal member for Griffith; Kerry Rea MP, the federal member for Bonner; former students, including the member for Sunnybank, the Leader of the House, the Hon. Judy Spence; former Queensland and Australian fast bowling great Michael Kasprovicz; and past principals like Mr Des James.

Schools, though, are more than bricks and mortar; they are made up of people—people who make up a school community, people like Max Martin, who was teaching at the school when I was a student and who continues at the school today, teachers like my primary schoolteachers Miss Griffiths, Mrs Gray, Mrs Kashin, Mrs Watson, Miss Campeneau, Mrs Frost and Ms Carides. Schools are also made up of school leaders, principals and deputy principals like current Principal Ian Blacklock and current Deputy Principal Geoff Howatson.

On behalf of my local community, I would like to extend my thanks to Ian Blacklock, Geoff Howatson and the other teachers and staff at the school who have made such a significant contribution to Marshall Road State School and the students who have studied there, giving them the opportunity to be the best they can be. After all, the school's motto is 'Only the best'.

I would also like to thank parents, friends and supporters of the school who have contributed so much to Marshall Road State School and who helped make the fete and reunion such a success on 24 July. These people include parents like Narelle Mason, the president of the Marshall Road State School P&C as representative of all the hardworking members of the school's parents and citizens association, along with other parents and friends of the school, like Ken Hartley, Peter Patchen, Anastasia Kingdon and Karen Newberry.

As a proud former student of this school I have very fond memories of Marshall Road State School and how it put me and so many other southside kids like me on the path to success in our own lives.

I thank the school community for inviting me to be part of this special occasion in the life of the school. I look forward to continuing to work for the school community as their local state member for Greenslopes. More importantly, I look forward to Marshall Road State School continuing to deliver only the very best for parents, students and the Greenslopes community over the next 50 years.