



Speech by

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Hon. CR DICK (Greenslopes—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Industrial Relations) (5.39 pm): The Bligh government is committed to providing Queensland students with the educational foundations they need to achieve their full potential. While this philosophy applies right throughout Queensland, it is particularly applicable to the electorate of Greenslopes. This is an area which provided me with my own educational foundations at Marshall Road State School in Holland Park. As a former student, and now the local state member of parliament, I was very proud to open the school's 50th anniversary fete earlier this year.

Marshall Road State School is not the only school in the Greenslopes electorate that has celebrated a significant milestone or achievement this year. On 15 September this year I had the honour of being invited to the Holland Park State School's Excellence Expo. I congratulate Tony Gribbin, the principal of Holland Park State School, his team and all of the school's students for their outstanding achievements. I also acknowledge the efforts of several other people from the school involved in the expo, including the school's gifted education mentor, Gail Young, and community liaison officer, Karen Oliver, along with P&C president, Michael Gronow.

The night's expo showed just how talented the students are across a broad spectrum of pursuits including writing, reading Australian verse, public speaking, LOTE speaking, science, ICT and technology, art, vocal performance, instrumental performance, dance and Asian studies. I congratulate all students on their achievement. I was particularly pleased to be able to present the medallions to all of those Excellence Expo achievers in the area of public speaking.

Similarly, last month I attended the re-opening of the Mount Gravatt High School administration block. Members may recall I stood in parliament last year on 11 November 2009 to talk about the school's administration block, which had been extensively damaged by fire the previous evening. The building has been rebuilt and named the Sorensen Centre after the former and very much loved deputy principal Kev Sorensen, who sadly passed away in 2008. Kev was represented at the event by his wife, Noela Sorensen. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the school's principal, Scot Steinhardt, and his team and the school community including the P&C for putting together a great program, not only for the reopening of the Sorensen Centre but for all of the other events to celebrate the school's 50th anniversary.

Another school that has been showcasing the talents of its students is Holland Park High School, which hosted its Art at the Park festival recently. This event was a credit to principal Jocelyn Roberts and art teachers Patricia Corcoran, Johanna Taylor and Kerri-Lyn Ross, along with the school's music and drama students and teachers. I had the pleasure of hosting Jocelyn Roberts at Parliament House this week, along with members of the student leadership team, school captains Esther Allen and Ben Tuckwell and vice-captains Vladica Nikic and Scott Meakin. Those students are a credit to the school. The achievements I have highlighted here tonight are just a sample of the great work that is being done at schools across the Greenslopes electorate every day.