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NARANGBA VALLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL, STARQUEST

Mr RYAN (Morayfield—ALP) (9.54 pm): I was very fortunate to be able to attend Narangba Valley State High School's StarQuest 2010. This annual event showcases the amazing student talent at Narangba Valley State High School in a talent quest format.

Along with Spencer Howson from 612 ABC, Leisa Cooper from North Lakes State College and Narangba Valley's favourite tuckshop lady, Julie Price, I was on the panel of adjudicators for this very enjoyable evening. The comperes for the superhero themed talent show were Nathaniel Edwards, Andrew Lamb, Tania Evans and Nathan Tofilau, and they did an outstanding job of keeping the audience attentive, informed and prepared for the next awe-inspiring performance.

The performances ranged from musical groups to vocal soloists to instrumental soloists to comedy acts to dance groups to musical theatre performances. All the performances were unbelievably exceptional and all performing students are to be commended for their respective contributions and their fine creative talents and abilities.

Understandably, it was very difficult for the panel of adjudicators to select those performances for formal accolades and commendation. Special note must be made of the following performances: 'Smooth Criminals' by dance group REVENGE; 'All of Me' by pianist Karl Paewai; the dance crew N-SPIRE; 'Taylor the Latte Boy' and 'Taylor the Rebuttal' by Vivien Emsworth-Copland and Amy Beahan.

It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the final performance for the night. This last act was a musical and dance performance by some very brave and talented teachers. The teachers performed a piece from the television show *Glee*. The teachers were brilliant. Their creativity and talents were certainly on show—and they delivered! After seeing the teachers' performance, there was no doubt in people's minds that the Narangba Valley school community is very fortunate to have these dedicated and exceptional teachers guiding our young people. Well done to the teachers and performing arts staff: John Coulson, Rebecca Neale-Diversi, Jane Panetta, Nicole Sullivan, Paul Beradi, Rachel McMahon, Kathryn Wallace, Viola Wynne-Hoelscher and Alicia Gray. Thank you for inspiring and supporting the young people of our area to pursue their passions and realise their full potential.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge all those people who made the StarQuest night possible. To the stage crew: well done for a great night and a great production. To all the performers: thank you for sharing your talents with your community. And to Mr Coulson: your energy and passion for performing arts is infectious and the students of Narangba Valley State High School are especially fortunate to have you as a guide and mentor. Well done to everyone at Narangba Valley State High School. You have impressed us.