



Speech by

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NARANGBA VALLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Mr RYAN (Morayfield—ALP) (10.18 pm): Earlier this month I was pleased to welcome the Minister for Education and Training, the Hon. Geoff Wilson, to the Morayfield state electorate. As part of this visit, the minister and I visited Narangba Valley State High School to inspect the new art classrooms and art gallery. Members may recall that, sadly, the art classrooms were destroyed by arsonists at the end of last year.

Mrs Keech interjected.

Mr RYAN: Very sad. Thank you, member for Albert. As part of our inspection, the minister and I handed over the first pieces of artwork for the school's new art gallery. The minister presented an art piece which was previously selected for a minister's award for excellence in art. The painting is an oil painting in the cubist style called *Manual* and it was created by Joshua Head, who was a student at Barcaldine State School. I presented a painting by local painter Peter Bashir. This painting is a watercolour painting of the Caboolture Railway Station from the 1950s.

The new art rooms look great. Each room has a data projector and the latest in ICT technology. I would like to congratulate all members of the school community for converting this negative experience into a positive facility for their school.

The minister and I also visited the Kidz Rock Educational Centre, which is on Oakey Flat Road at Morayfield. Kidz Rock is one of the first long-day-care centres selected to participate in a government funded kindergarten pilot program. We were particularly impressed by the high-quality learning program offered to the kindergarten kids and the overall positive attitude displayed by staff.

Karen Butters is the licensee of the Kidz Rock Educational Centre. Along with her family she has invested significant time, effort and funds into this program. Both the minister and I were extremely impressed by the facilities and the program offered at Kidz Rock. Kidz Rock is a great centre servicing our local community. Families in the Morayfield state electorate are generally excited about this kindergarten program.

I would also like to thank the minister for his support of the Narangba Station Kindy. The Narangba Station Kindy has recently gone through some tough times and was in urgent need of financial assistance. I was pleased to hear that both the local business community and the government were able to assist. The Moreton Bay Central Commerce and its representatives—Michael from Kennedys Timbers, Barbara from Cetera Media and Robert from the Bank of Queensland—were able to raise \$5,500 for this worthy cause. The state government chipped in \$5,000 and LJ Hooker will be hosting a charity auction later this month. The state member for Kallangur has also provided significant moral support. Narangba Station Kindy is providing a valuable service for our community. I am very pleased that both business and government have been able to work together to support their good work.