



Speech by

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NARANGBA VALLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL; BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION

Mr RYAN (Morayfield—ALP) (10.29 pm): Recently I was pleased to attend the Narangba Valley State High School's school musical *Beauty and the Beast*. All performers—whether they were singing or dancing on stage, playing instruments in the orchestra, or helping as a stagehand or sound and lighting technician—contributed to a brilliant production. I was certainly very impressed by the quality of the performances and the production generally, and I can say without any qualification that the standing ovation and multiple demands for an encore were not only genuine but also unanimous from members of the audience.

Specifically, I would like to pay tribute to the lead performers—Nate Edwards, who played the beast, and Vivien Emsworth-Copland, who played Belle. Their performances were flawless and reinforce that they have bright futures in the dramatic arts. The live orchestra also is most deserving of particular praise. The orchestra was made up entirely of students and they were just brilliant.

I also want to note the contributions of the people who designed and built an electronic red rose. I understand that teachers, students and parents came together to design an electronic red rose that automatically dropped its petals at key points during the performance. I commend those involved for this innovative work. It was the icing on the cake.

Finally, I want to highlight the magnificent contribution to this production by the teaching staff. Mr John Coulson and his teaching staff are to be highly commended for their dedication and their vision. They should not underestimate the impact that their contribution has had on the young people of Narangba Valley High.

Well done to everyone at Narangba Valley High. I will certainly remember the day that *Beauty and the Beast* was performed at your school. And I will certainly remember the day that you made me so proud of the public education system in Queensland. State schools are great schools, and Narangba Valley High certainly proved that on this day.

While I am on my feet, I want to inform the House about some of the outstanding building projects underway at the Narangba Valley State High School and more broadly throughout the Morayfield state electorate. The federal Labor government has been very kind to schools and communities around Australia. Never before have we seen so much investment in educational infrastructure. At Narangba Valley High, a language centre is being built under the federal Labor government's Building the Education Revolution program. This building project is not only supporting jobs in the local area but also delivering a critically important facility for the Narangba Valley community. However, if Tony Abbott and the LNP had their way, Narangba Valley High would never get a language centre. Moreover, if Tony Abbott and the LNP had their way, Morayfield State High School would never get a trade training centre or new science labs. If Tony Abbott and the LNP had their way, Caboolture Special School would never get a refurbished school hall. If Tony Abbott and the LNP had their way, Burpengary State School would never get new classrooms.

I am proud of the schools in the Morayfield state electorate, and I will do everything I can to support them and their wonderfully talented staff and students. Sadly, Tony Abbott and the LNP want to hurt our schools and our students. How nasty, Mr Abbott. How nasty.