




Speech by

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SCHOOLIES WEEK

 **Mr RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (2.36 pm): Tomorrow—Friday, 18 November 2011—is the last day of school for our year 12 students. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all year 12 students on their achievements. I would like to especially congratulate the year 12 students of Morayfield State High School and Narangba Valley State High School and all year 12 students who live in the Morayfield state electorate. These young people are outstanding members of our local community. I would like to commend them for their hard work, discipline and focus. I would like to wish them well for the next chapter of their lives.

Many of the local year 12 students will be celebrating the end of their secondary schooling by attending one of the many schoolies destinations around Queensland. While the Queensland government does not promote schoolies, the government has certainly taken a key role in supporting a range of safety programs for our year 12 school leavers. The Queensland government's Safer Schoolies initiative supports safety and encourages responsible behaviour. The initiative includes, among other things, a highly visible police presence in schoolies precincts, coordination of community and other support services, and educational and awareness programs including school visits, the Be Safe and Watch your Mates campaign, a schoolies information booklet and fact sheets.

I wish all our year 12 school leavers a safe and fun schoolies week and a fulfilling and prosperous future. Unfortunately, the members of the LNP opposition must have been asleep in class when the Be Safe and Watch your Mates campaign was discussed. Their recent behaviour proves that they all missed that lesson. What we see in the LNP opposition is a fractured, nasty, bully-boy cultured organisation with members who simply do not get on. They just do not like each other. If their members cannot feel safe, how can they ever make Queenslanders feel safe?

(Time expired)