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EAGLEBY SOUTH STATE SCHOOL

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (3.45 pm): Recently I met with Andrew Barnes, the principal of the Eagleby South State School. Since being appointed as principal at Eagleby South a few years ago, Andrew and his team have been doing some great work with the students there. I am proud to say that two of my children were students at Eagleby South back in the 1980s. I was reminded of that as we walked through the school and passed the Aboriginal garden, Mutooroo, which was established in 1980. I recall my children telling me about the bush tucker and medicinal elements of the garden. Andrew tells me that Eagleby South has an Indigenous teacher and the school is in the process of establishing a yarning circle within Mutooroo.

During our discussions Andrew was excited to tell me about many of the programs that have been established at Eagleby South. To date all of the efforts are bearing fruit in many ways. A measure of the fruits of their labours is the success that Eagleby South has achieved in the recent Tournament of Minds. I am proud to say that Eagleby South is in the state finals for the Tournament of Minds after having two school teams compete in the Brisbane regional finals on Saturday, 27 August. One team competed in the applied technology section while the other competed in social sciences. Andrew said both teams presented polished performances that clearly answered the long-term question and displayed originality and flair. In addition, Eagleby South students provided creative answers to the short-term problems, highlighting their ability to think on their feet and outside the square. The social sciences team earned first place, competing against a wide range of both state and private schools.

Andrew made the point that a big thankyou needs to be extended to one of his dedicated staff, Mrs Griffiths, for coaching and supporting the team. Both teams need to be congratulated for their efforts. A special congratulations goes to the social sciences team of Olivia Kennedy, Anastasia Romans, Dee Yeardley, Kyra Brook and Katelin Brunne for earning first place. Those students will now compete in the state finals this coming Sunday, 11 September. I am sure that all members of this House will join me in congratulating the team and wishing them the best of luck on Sunday.