




Speech by
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BREMER STATE HIGH SCHOOL

 **Mr BERRY** (Ipswich—LNP) (12.28 am): This year, I had the privilege to attend the Bremer State High School graduation ceremony. The class of 2012 has now graduated from Bremer State High School and they are now adjusting to life, having been in the secondary school education system for five years. Although their memories will be forever enriched by their experiences of Bremer State High School, I expect their graduation ceremony will be one of those more prominent highlights in their lives. For posterity, I wish to record that day.

On Friday, 16 November 2012, the then graduating students of Bremer State High School, with their parents, friends, siblings and teaching staff, slowly filled the school gymnasium. Helium balloons filled the space within the auditorium and slowly the auditorium filled with people. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the principal, Mr Bruce Saxby, for the opportunity and certainly the privilege of officially witnessing and participating in this most memorable event. This long awaited graduation day is a recognition of the completion of these students' secondary schooling and the leaving behind of their trials and tribulations.

Movement and murmur settled as Principal Saxby gave a timely message about aspirations. School Captain Rhys and Deputy School Captain Peta gave their speeches, recounting their accomplishments and those of their fellow students and giving thanks to those who have given them wise counsel and assistance, including parents, teachers and close schoolfriends. If there was any melancholy at this graduation ceremony, it was quickly dissipated by the annual address by Mr Graham Goodyer, who addressed the more colourful moments in the school year. Mr Goodyer conveyed the sense of collegial harmony and humour that permeated the school year. Students then made their way to their teachers to collect their certificates and bid farewell.

I must say that it was a pleasing experience to be among young people who enjoyed their educational experience and who will, hopefully, complete their lifelong journey in education in years to come. I am sure they will reflect on their year and give due appreciation to their teachers and thanks to their parents in helping them on their journey. I enjoyed the experience and, once again, congratulate the teachers of Bremer State High School. In particular, I congratulate Principal Bruce Saxby. It was a great experience and Bremer State High School is a great school. I wish the school and its students in past and coming years the very best. Hopefully, we will produce more young people of a similar calibre.