



Speech by


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## HAMPDEN STATE SCHOOL; CALEN DISTRICT STATE COLLEGE

 **Mr COSTIGAN** (Whitsunday—LNP) (4.00 pm): I rise in the House to pay tribute to two country schools in my electorate which deserve a pat on the back for standing the test of time and for excellence in education. The first school I wish to acknowledge evokes memories of that old Cat Stevens classic (*Remember the Days of the Old Schoolyard*)—a great tune and most befitting when only recently I had the good fortune of attending the 125th anniversary celebrations of the Hampden State School in the cane country of my electorate of Whitsunday, about 25 kilometres north of Mackay. It was a real trip back in time. The school opened on 9 May 1887. I commend the P&C and the school community for putting on a grand show. I would also like to acknowledge Mr Howard Frost for his leadership in the community.

I would also like to pay tribute to Calen District State College on recently being awarded a showcase award for excellence in education. I commend Principal Brian O'Neill and his colleagues for their fine work at Calen.