



Speech by

Jason Woodforth

MEMBER FOR NUDGE

Hansard Thursday, 21 June 2012

EARNSHAW STATE COLLEGE, GLOBAL ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Miss Barton): I call the member for Nudgee.

Mr WOODFORTH (Nudgee—LNP) (3.54 pm): Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker, and I also congratulate you on your first time in the chair. I rise today to speak about one of the many schools in my area, Earnshaw State College. Earnshaw State College is a school in the Nudgee district. It was originally Banyo State High School, which was formed in 1954—

A government member interjected.

Mr WOODFORTH: A great school—and Nudgee State School, which was formed way back in 1876. In 2003 the two schools combined and became Earnshaw State College. Earnshaw is a P-12 school and has approximately 650 students attending. The school is small on some scales but it has been a big achiever over the years. One of those big achievements includes the school's participation in the worldwide Global Enterprise Challenge, which took place just last weekend. They have participated in the Global Enterprise Challenge, the GEC, since 2007.

The GEC was launched by the International Space Station in 2002 and today around 5,000 young people from 200 schools and colleges around the world participate every year. The GEC is a 24-hour challenge whereby teams have to produce a two-page business report, a four-slide PowerPoint presentation and a three-minute video pitch to potential investors. Teams are given the challenge at 12 pm and in the next hectic 24 hours they have to come up with a concept and create each judging piece as well as logos, banners, websites and any other interesting concepts to add to the wow factor.

This year nine countries—including Australia, South Africa, Japan, Canada, the USA, South Korea, Germany, the United Kingdom and Norway—registered to compete, and I am pleased to announce that, from all those countries and all those thousands of students who competed, Earnshaw college, which won this year's Australian title for the third year running, can also lay claim to being the international winners for 2012, also for the third year running. So a big congratulations goes to the team at Earnshaw State College, and I also send a thank you to year 10 student Emma Clinton, who helped write this report on Earnshaw's success.