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 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Albert—LNP) (11.50 pm): I rise to inform the House of some wonderful news regarding schools in the Albert electorate. I am delighted to inform the House that Upper Coomera State College recently celebrated its 10-year anniversary—a milestone in the wonderful life of this good school in Albert. Upper Coomera State College has grown rapidly since it first opened its doors 10 years ago. The school started with about 800 students, from prep to year 8, and is now home to 2,369 students. I should note that the school's capacity is just under 3,000.

In term 3 this year the school undertook its teaching and learning audit. These audits are undertaken in every school to provide quality feedback on how the school is performing. Upper Coomera State College received 'outstanding' and 'high' ratings across every aspect. Not many schools can boast such a high achievement. This school is achieving real results, with 19 per cent of their current year 12s receiving guaranteed admission offers to university or TAFE.

I had the honour and privilege to attend the Upper Coomera State College awards night ceremony on 30 October. Over 200 awards were presented. The sheer number of awards shows the community this school's excellence in education and the ability of staff, students and parents to work together to achieve positive educational outcomes.

This government is committed to the future of education in Albert. I have stated many times previously that Albert is part of the northern Gold Coast growth corridor. I am pleased to announce in the parliament tonight that the education department has informed me that it will be building additional classrooms at the Norfolk Village State School for 2014. These are permanent classrooms. Also, temporary buildings will be provided to the Highland Reserve State School. Recently the P&C made it clear to me that they did not want to lose their science and music classrooms. We spoke to the department about that and I can say that they will not be losing their music and science classrooms. I thank the minister and the department for all their help in these matters. It just shows that this government has a commitment to education.