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SHOWCASE AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOLS; LEEDING, MR D

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (9.53 pm): I have some wonderful news to share with the House. The other day I had the pleasure of attending the 2012 regional Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools held at Movie World on the fabulous northern Gold Coast. They put on a lovely spread for everyone as well. On the day I had the opportunity to present the award for excellence in middle phase of learning.

Tonight I have the opportunity to congratulate the principal of Eagleby State School, Suzanne Jolly, and deputy principal and project coordinator Lara Smith, who were the winners of the Network Ten Showcase Award for Excellence in the Early Phase of Learning. You can imagine my excitement, after hearing five or six different schools being announced, to learn that Eagleby State School, with 350 students in the northern end of my electorate, had been crowned the winner of that award. That is wonderful news for Eagleby State School.

Congratulations also go to Woongoolba State School in the wonderful northern Gold Coast and, more importantly, the Coomera electorate. The Woongoolba State School has about 200 students, who strive to be leaders. Congratulations go to those 200 students and their teachers and principal David Cramb for winning the Queensland University of Technology Showcase Award for Excellence in Leadership. This little school out in the cane fields—it has been around for about 138 years—has been crowned the winner of the Queensland University of Technology showcase award for excellence in leadership. It is a wonderful school with wonderful people.

On a sad note, I advise the House that today on the Gold Coast I attended on behalf of the minister a function commemorating the anniversary of Damian Leeding's passing. They have turned a negative into a positive in that they have instituted a golf day that will be an ongoing fundraiser for Police Legacy. Some 348 young people from 200 families have benefited from funds raised for Police Legacy.