




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENTS

Fairview Heights State School

 **Mr WATTS** (Toowoomba North—LNP) (3.18 pm): I wish to bring to the attention of the House a visit I recently made to one of the 11 primary schools in the electorate of Toowoomba North. I had the pleasure of going to the Fairview Heights State School to hand out their leadership badges for the year. Principal Julie Raitelli was ably assisted by Mrs Chetty and Mr Aston. It was a great honour for me to meet some of the future leaders of Toowoomba: incoming school captains Isobel Dew, Annica Maticchioni, Nicola Redman, Kody Wake and Brittany Werder.

These outstanding students all presented a speech following their introduction and badge presentation. It was a great privilege to be there with them. The kids were very excited. A couple were nervous, but they did a fantastic job. Mr Aston presented the sports captains with their badges after telling them the various responsibilities they had. There are three houses at the school—Border House, Freeman House and Perkins House. Mady Atfield, Elise Bowen, Adam Langton, Kris Maynard, and Dylan Thompson were all for Border House; Bradley Groves, Harry Lucas, Jadyn McIntyre, Lachlan Mohr and Chloe Thies were all for Freeman House; and Lucy Bielby, Mackenzie Bradley, Kelsey Koeford, Carter Mogg and Steffi Wilson were all for Perkins House. Each of the sports captains were all convinced that their house was going to win, so I look forward very much to heading back to the school at various sporting events to see just how the leader table is going.

Music captains were also presented with their badges on that day. Mrs Chetty presented those badges and again outlined their responsibilities. Riley Naumann, Tom Panitz, Clinton Payton and Courtney Rixon were all presented with their badges. On that particular day there were other school leaders, and the school has a great program. It is a large primary school—and growing—in Toowoomba and it has many leaders who take responsibility throughout the school and spend time showing the younger children the various things that it takes to be a leader. I had the privilege to talk to them briefly about what it means to be a servant leader and that they should not think that getting up in front of people and telling them what to do is how to show leadership. Rather, they should listen to other students at the school and find out what they can do for them, because servant leadership is something that I believe in greatly and is something that I think will serve the school very well. P&C Association President Tim Panitz was there. I thank him very much for the invitation to attend and I look forward to being able to attend a P&C meeting at some time in the future. I congratulate all of the children on a job well done for leading the school.