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## ADJOURNMENT

### Mudgeeraba Electorate, School Captains

 **Ms BATES** (Mudgeeraba—LNP) (11.11 pm): I rise to update the House on the good work of the outstanding student leaders in my electorate of Mudgeeraba who I have had the continuing privilege of hosting at Parliament House. In recent months, I have invited the school captains and vice-captains of various schools in the Mudgeeraba electorate to visit Parliament House to learn about the history of our state's legislature. This is a tradition that, as members may know, I established shortly after my election in 2009. It remains an important opportunity for me to engage with the young leaders in my electorate.

During the past several months I have had the opportunity to host the student leaders of Robina State High School, Bethany Curtis, Ryan Lim, Chloe Marshall, Ashleigh Ross, Luke Sinclair, Luke Stegman, Campbell Trevethan and April Wilson, who were accompanied by Mr Benjamin Weeks, who is the head of the Department of Junior Secondary at Robina State High School. I would also like to mention Arianna Clarke, who was unable to attend.

I hosted the student leaders of Gold Coast Christian College, Indianna Lawson, Amelia Maki-Nestie, Lucas Brzeski and Emily Clauss, who were accompanied by Mr Guy Lawson, the Principal of Gold Coast Christian College. I would also like to mention Justin Renfrew, who was unable to attend owing to athletic commitments.

I hosted the student leaders of Merrimac State School, Selma Zlatic, Caitlin Haines, Jamieson Schmitzer, Nikia Campbell, Byron Hamilton and Kyle Relph, who were accompanied by Ms Lindy Murray, Deputy Principal of Merrimac State School. I would also like to mention Shannon Hattin and Bailey McDonald, who were unable to attend due to illness.

It is always fantastic to spend time with the remarkable student leaders of my electorate as their local member and to give them the opportunity to experience a guided tour of the parliament, lunch with me in the cafeteria and question time. I was also able to welcome these students to the floor of the chamber after lunch where a number of my parliamentary colleagues were able to make time in their busy schedules to meet and to have photos taken with the visiting students, which was no doubt a consistent highlight for these future young leaders.

I would like to thank the Treasurer and Minister for Trade, the Minister for Energy and Water Supply and the Minister for Health for taking the time to chat with the students. Madam Speaker, I would also like to thank you, too, for making yourself available on numerous occasions over the past two years to meet with the students from my electorate.

I very much look forward to hosting more student leaders from the Mudgeeraba electorate in the near future. Once again, I congratulate them on their hard work and dedication to the Robina State High School, Gold Coast Christian College and Merrimac State School communities. I wish them all the best in their future endeavours and look forward to hearing about their achievements in the years ahead.