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 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (7.11 pm): There are days when I feel like running across the fields in the foothills of Whites Hill, twirling around in a circle. What could elicit these feelings in me? Well, it is because the slopes are alive with the sound of music. Greenslopes literally pulsates with wonderful music and I wanted to share the amazing array of musical ability I have witnessed in the last few months. *Popstars*, the nineties musical, was a gem of a work put on by the Coorparoo Secondary College. I had hoped to get through the remainder of my life without ever hearing *Achy Breaky Heart* again but these students even made that song fantastic. *Shrek: The Musical* was a performance put on by the Coorparoo State School. This amazing group of primary school students, led by volunteer Julie Briner, put on a two-hour spectacular. The costumes, the singing, the comedic timing were all spot on.

On the same day I went straight to the Queensland Catholic Music Festival, celebrating 25 years this year. Amongst the 13,000 students from 97 schools I saw the ensemble performances by Loreto and Villanova students. They were truly professional in their ability. It was easy to see why *Peas in a Pod* won the Battle of the Bands competition at Holland Park State High School when they performed at the Triple E Excellence Awards, a tight acoustic band featuring great guitar, percussion and singing. Cavendish Road State High School's jazz ensemble provided soothing and rejuvenating sounds one Friday night for the Arts on the Green event. As a veteran of the Wattle 'n' Gum Bush Band, it was a pleasure to visit Mt Gravatt State School and watch the students performing bush dances like the 9 pins and the Drongo. The Holland Park-Mt Gravatt RSL Anzac Day Parade is always led and enriched by the Mt Gravatt East State School Fife and Drum Band. Recently St Joachim's school choir celebrated the church's 80th anniversary with a song. Speaking of choirs, I never tire of hearing and watching the fine performances by choirs and ensembles at Holland Park and Marshall Road state schools.

I could speak all night, but I have to get ready for more twirling this weekend. I look forward to my own daughters performing in the biennale at Greenslopes State School in the choir and string ensembles before heading off to another bush dance at St Agnes's. I will be finishing the weekend with other families relaxing at Loreto College's Live and Wired concert, a wonderful outdoor concert that brings our community together.

Music provides so much joy to so many people and so many lifelong lessons for young people. I am pleased to have so much high quality music in my electorate, so many great performers and so many dedicated teachers and volunteers. Whenever I look around the crowds of proud parents at all of these performances I think of the words of the lady who inspired my dancing at the start of this speech, Maria von Trapp: music acts like a magic key, to which the most tightly closed heart, opens.