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Nudgee Electorate, School Leaders

 **Ms LINARD** (Nudgee—ALP) (12.48 am): Recently, I welcomed to parliament school leaders from Earnshaw State College, Wavell State High School and Nudgee College within my electorate for a school leaders lunch.

An honourable member interjected.

Ms LINARD: It is a very good school. Eighteen years ago, as school captain of the former Banyo high school, now Earnshaw State College, I was invited to a similar lunch by my then local member, the then member for Nudgee, Neil Roberts. As the member now, it was a tremendous privilege for me to have the opportunity to continue this tradition and invite these brilliant young leaders to share their ideas, their values and their reflections on leadership, youth and politics in this hallowed place.

I knew that the schools' leaders would be impressive—after all, they were selected amid significant competition to these important leadership roles within their respective school communities—but they were far more than impressive: they were humble, grounded and understood to a level far deeper than I expected of their years that leadership is far less about them as a leader and far more about those whom they seek to lead and that leadership is, first and foremost, about service. During our time together I reflected on the fact that they will have many good days as leaders—receiving their badges, presiding over special school ceremonies—but that there will be many more hard and challenging days and that the depth of their character, the conviction of their calling and the authenticity of their relationships will be what sustains them in these challenging moments.

I take this opportunity to thank principals Jeff Major, David Bosworth and Peter Fullagar for taking the time to bring their students into parliament and for their willingness to share insights from their leadership journeys. I would also like to thank my friend and colleague the Treasurer for dropping in to meet my students and the Premier for so kindly signing a note to each student. It would be remiss of me not to also acknowledge my colleague the Minister for Education, the member for Ashgrove, who always makes the time to acknowledge and meet with visiting students and who has the vital job of leading our schools in this significant time of education reform under this government's Advancing Education plan, preparing our students today for the jobs of tomorrow.

I would like to say to Angus McHugh, Joshua Bunney, Christopher Duke, Joseph Herbert, Sheryl Gabatero, Brooke Hafner, Callum Mutch, Elizabeth Bennett, Jordan Symonds, Kanya Haines, Michael Greathead and Tiare Wildin, who joined me at parliament, and to Ali Faalogo and Lewis Begg, who were unable to, that I and all of my colleagues in this House leave to them and all future leaders in this great state our legacy, as those who came before us left theirs. We hope that they will be inspired to much greater heights than we can yet imagine. I have great confidence that our future leaders are up to the task.