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Algester Electorate, State School

 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy and Minister for Small Business) (10.28 pm): I rise tonight to share some exciting news with regard to some students in my electorate. For the last 12 months, people in my electorate of Algester, in particular in the suburb of Pallara, have been watching a brand-new school being built. Teachers, students and parents have been planning the move to the new facility, being very involved in the design and the final construction of the school. There have been a great deal of nerves, trepidation and anxiety about the move, and lots of lobbying about making sure that the new school provides everything that the community requires. At the beginning of the school year this year we saw some very excited and happy children and some very pleased and proud parents entering the brand-new school.

It is an incredibly well-thought-out and planned school. The children have access to great science facilities and, as the Minister for Science, that was great for me to see. We were able to lobby for the multipurpose sports courts so that the community right across Pallara and Forest Lake can use that facility outside of school hours. I want to congratulate the new principal, Mark Johnstone, for all the work he has been doing with the parents, teachers and students in preparing for the big move from one site to the other. It is a huge undertaking to move all of those things that are precious to the education of children into a whole new set of buildings, so congratulations go to the principal and all of the parents and students.

I would also like to welcome some brand-new principals to my electorate. At Grand Avenue State School we have a brand-new principal, Tony Maksoud—

Mr Power: Yes, we know Tony.

Ms ENOCH: Yes, Tony is great. I take that interjection from the member for Logan. Tony Maksoud has moved to Grand Avenue State School—

Mr Power: And I got Michael Quinn.

Ms ENOCH: Oh, you got Michael Quinn. Tony is a fantastic, energetic principal who will bring some great stuff to the kids of Grand Avenue State School. We also have a new principal at Boronia Heights State School, Sue Clark, who is working with the students on some of the great things they are doing.

I would also like to quickly update the House on some fantastic work that the Hillcrest Neighbourhood Watch has been doing. At Christmas we did a Santa lolly drop across our community and it was like going back in time to when we were kids and the neighbours would get together and get on the back of a ute and hand out lollies to kids as part of the Christmas spirit. So along with the Neighbourhood Watch and the great officers from the Browns Plains Police Station, I was able to go around the community offering sweets to the kids and involving the whole community. I can proudly say that I was the person who operated the siren on the car. It was a great event.