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St John's Anglican College; Bayles, Mr HJP

 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy and Minister for Small Business) (10.19 pm): Last week I visited St John's Anglican College in Forest Lake in my electorate of Algester to wish 24 young innovators all the best as they embark on the trip of a lifetime as part of the Conrad Spirit of Innovation Challenge. The initiative challenges students to develop extraordinary and viable solutions to benefit our world in a number of areas. The year 10 and year 11 students, 14 of them young women, won the opportunity to travel to NASA in Florida and compete against other young entrepreneurs from around the world. There are some incredible examples of innovative thinking among the St John's Anglican College teams chosen to participate. As the innovation minister, I am extremely proud to say that these students from my own electorate of Algester are the only Australian students to be selected to travel to Florida for the challenge. I congratulate the students and teachers and wish them all a safe and successful trip.

Early Sunday morning our community lost an absolute giant. 'Tiga' Bayles, the CEO of the Brisbane Indigenous Media Association, passed away after a long battle with cancer aged just 62. Tiga Bayles was a leading figure in the Aboriginal rights movement in Brisbane. He marched in the streets, he fought for Indigenous services and he helped broadcast the voices of Australia's first nations people through his contribution to the National Indigenous Radio Service and the establishment of the Brisbane Indigenous Media Association, the home of 98.9FM Murri country.

98.9FM is one of the nation's most successful community radio stations. Tiga Bayles hosted the station's morning program *Let's Talk* and was never afraid to tackle the tough topics—everything from stolen wages and stolen generations, to political representation, treaty and constitutional recognition. I have had the chance, along with the member for Cook, to be interviewed on *Let's Talk* a number of times. Although sometimes challenging, Uncle Tiga had this way of asking questions that created a story for the listener, a way to digest and personalise the sometimes confronting content. He was also committed to education and was a long-term chairman of the well-known Murri School at Acacia Ridge. Tiga Bayles was named Queensland Father of the Year in 2005. He raised nine girls and was Australia's most prominent and awarded first nations broadcaster.

Many people talk about standing on the shoulders of giants. Tiga Bayles was a giant with the broadest of shoulders. On my journey to this place—and I am sure also for the member for Cook—Uncle Tiga was a supporter, an adviser and a confidante. He was passionate about social justice, he was unwavering in his commitment to helping people be the best they could be and he understood how the power of stories can change the world. Tiga Bayles will be very much missed but his legacy lives on in the many lives he has touched. There will be many more first nations Australians who will see the world differently because they stand on the broad shoulders of this incredible giant.