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Ferny Grove State High School

 **Mr FURNER** (Ferny Grove—ALP) (2.43 am): Last week, on 9 February, along with the principal of the Ferny Grove State High School, Liz Foster, and also the student leaders, I had the privilege of hosting a visit by the Minister for Education, the Hon. Kate Jones. Like most state high schools, Ferny Grove State High School has a variety of different venues and structures in its grounds, such as a 300-seat auditorium. It is a special opportunity to listen to the talented students who play in that auditorium.

The Ferny Grove State High School football field has produced many famous football players, for example, Rugby League players Barry Berrigan; Jharal Yow Yeh, who represented Queensland and Australia; and Justin Hodges, the captain of the Brisbane Broncos from 2014 to 2015. The school has also produced some very close friends of mine, the Veronicas—Lisa and Jessica Origliasso. At one stage I employed their older brother in one of my offices. It is a delight to know that those talented people attended Ferny Grove State High School.

On our visit on 9 February we visited a couple of classrooms with the student leaders, hooking up with the Learning Excellence at Ferny program and the German immersion program. Lastly, we visited the music auditorium. That took me back to an opportunity that I had last year, along with the minister, to attend the gala concert performance in that auditorium. We were fortunate to hear the extremely talented musicians who played a number of songs for us in that auditorium. This year, the gala concert performance will be held on 18, 19 and 20 August. Like always, it attracts a huge crowd—not only students and people from Ferny Grove but also people from afar. As members would know, Ferny Grove State High School is located in a huge catchment that includes the areas of Pine Rivers and Morayfield.

Ferny Grove State High School is a great school that attracts many people from all locations. It is a delight to visit that school. I think that the education minister was so impressed with the songs and the musical instruments that the students played that she will be back at the auditorium when the gala performance is held on 18, 19 and 20 August.