



Speech By  
**Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe**


**MEMBER FOR SANDGATE**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Sandgate Electorate, Educational Institutions; Justice Kiefel, Appointment as Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia**

 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games) (2.56 am): At a time when many of us have been congratulating school students on their successes throughout the school year, it is nothing short of an inspiration to see the achievements of so many young people. Over the past several weeks I have personally written to hundreds of secondary school students in my electorate who have received cultural, academic and sporting awards. I believe this is a very formative period in their lives and I wanted them to know that our community is extremely proud of their efforts.

I want to say a special congratulations to Patricia Tayah of Bracken Ridge State High School, Angel Maliakkal of St John Fisher College, Jesse Moss of Sandgate District State High School and Jack Graham of St Patrick's College for being awarded dux of their respective schools. These students strive for success and have achieved outstanding results.

I also want to congratulate the secondary school principals across my electorate for their continuing commitment to the educational outcomes of their students: Mr Roger Atkins of Bracken Ridge State High; Ms Maree Messer of St John Fisher College; Mr Chris Mayes of St Patrick's College; and Mr Phil Campbell of Sandgate District State High School. Here I must pause and make mention of outgoing principal Janette Gentle for her longstanding service at Sandgate District State High. On behalf of our community, I wish to extend thanks to these educational leaders and their staff for turning our young people's dreams into a reality.

There are many members in our community who excel in ways that are unique to them and I recently had the pleasure of attending a celebration evening for students at Jabiru Community College—the other high school in our electorate. JCC represents an alternative schooling option at Bracken Ridge which provides high-quality informal and formal learning and educational outcomes with people who have complex learning and social support needs. The commitment these students have to personal development reiterates the fact that you do not have to be an A-grade student or one who takes out gold on the sporting field to be successful. I would like to acknowledge the continuing passion of Jabiru Community College's co-principals, Frances Missen and David Powell, ensuring our youth can reach their full potential. Their commitment and dedication to our young people are appreciated by our community.

The motto of Sandgate District State High School is 'Industria Floremus', which translates to 'hard work brings success'. I believe this reflects the inspirational story of Australia's recently appointed first female Chief Justice, Susan Kiefel, a former student of Sandgate High. She, like so many at the time, especially women, left school at the age of 15, having achieved a Junior Certificate, to start her working life as a legal secretary. Justice Kiefel was not a dropout, as she has been labelled in media reports on her appointment. I believe that her story is one of great success and of individual initiative. It does not

matter who you are or where you have come from; hard work really does bring about great success. Congratulations to all those students from local schools who, like Justice Kiefel, have done and will do their best. On behalf of our community I wish them all the very best success for whatever the future holds.