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 **Ms DAVIS** (Aspley—LNP) (10.00 pm): Queensland is home to some great school communities including those in the Aspley electorate. Early last week I joined Team H and walked with them to school as part of Aspley State School's Walk Safely to School Day. Walk Safely to School Day is a national event that encourages all primary school students to walk and commute safely to school. The aim of this initiative is to raise awareness of road safety as well as the health and environmental benefits of walking. It was wonderful to start the day with some of our local schoolchildren and of course the wonderful parents who volunteered their time to support this initiative.

Walk Safely to School Day is actually part of Aspley State School's Active School Travel program, which has been running for a number of years. The school is one of only 45 around the state participating in the Active School Travel program. The students are encouraged to actively travel to school every Tuesday, and they are rewarded for their amazing efforts throughout the year. I had a great time and I say a big thank you to the students for sharing their morning with me.

An exciting and entrepreneurial initiative was launched at St Paul's School Bald Hills last week. In partnership with River City Labs, the St Paul's School Entrepreneurs Club will provide an opportunity for students, staff and parents to grow their own businesses by learning how to develop and pitch their ideas to investors. Participants will have access to coaches and mentors, market-leading resources and the facilities they need for learning, workshopping and skill development.

This is Australia's first school entrepreneurs club. I am very proud to have it located in the Aspley electorate. It was fantastic to meet some amazing young entrepreneurs and learn about their current enterprises and future ideas. I had a great chat with school captain Riley. Riley established his dog-grooming product business, A Boy and His Dog, when he was 14 years old. Although Riley has taken a break from his business this year as he concentrates on year 12, I am confident that Riley will achieve great things in his future business endeavours.

The club was officially launched by the Assistant Minister for Innovation, federal member for Longman, Wyatt Roy. It was terrific to have my LNP colleagues the members for Mansfield and Everton also in attendance seeing firsthand the calibre of students and the potential for this program to take school based ideas into the real world.

The landscape of life after school is changing, and we must realise that students will need to be able to think big and global about opportunities that do not even exist yet. It is crucial that our schools become increasingly driven by technology, innovation and entrepreneurialism, and the entrepreneurs club is an example of the opportunities that our schools can be providing young Queenslanders.

All eight schools in the Aspley electorate are fantastic—great students, great teachers, great principals and great school community spirit. As I meet people in my role as the new shadow minister for education it is clear to me that we have many wonderful schools, teachers and students right across this great state. I look forward to updating the House about the great things happening in the schools from the Aspley electorate into the future.