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Wynnum State High School, 75th Anniversary

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (5.54 pm): In 1942 the Wynnum High and Intermediate School opened for students, and last month students from across all the decades returned to help celebrate Wynnum State High's 75th anniversary. 'Semper Fidelis'—Always Faithful—is a phrase which the school has lived by for 75 years. Over the course of that time its meaning has always been an integral part of our community and traditions. Even now it forms the backbone of the proud mantra which sets out the standards which all students of our school follow and live by.

What does it mean to be always faithful? Depending on who you ask you will get a different response; however, whether in 1942, 2017 or beyond there will always be a recurring theme. 'You came to the school with a dream and you not only left with the future in your hands, but as a pillar of the community as well.' These are the words of school leader Lauren, and they certainly rang true on the day. The faithful returned to their beloved Wynnum State High School with representatives from all decades including Ralph, a 1942 founding student who travelled by train from Toowoomba. Neal Geary, a dear friend of mine and a past student from the 1950s, won the draw to cut the anniversary cake.

Wynnum State High School is acknowledged in our community as the guardian of our local history and historical landmarks which include: Memorial Avenue, an avenue of honour dedicated to residents of Wynnum who died or were killed in action in World War I; the glorious A Block, an iconic red brick building; and school buildings named after important local landmarks such as the Imperial Playhouse, after Wynnum's Imperial Theatre, and the Star Theatre, another local Wynnum icon which burnt down in 1959 with the loss of two firefighters.

Deputy Principals Liz Williams and Kym Hutchins are both outstanding examples of the wonderful staff at Wynnum State High. Liz and Kym, who have served our community collectively for over 50 years at Wynnum State High, reminded us that the cornerstones of their daily work are mirrored in the school mission statement of tradition, community, excellence and proudly building futures together. Great teachers, great staff and great students are what make a school great. Wynnum State High has these in spades. Congratulations on this significant anniversary, and thank you to the wonderful staff for your contribution to our community and to our wonderful young people. On behalf of her fellow students Lauren said—

A great education is why we entered this school. When we leave, we are instilled with lifelong values and traditions that will shape us in our futures. All students come with a desire to be successful. Along the way they meet lifelong friends, teachers and peers who help to create memories and receive support throughout our schooling years. Success doesn't always come from the size of your house or bank balance. Success and happiness come from within. Our school teaches us the values of respect, integrity, honesty, resilience, tolerance, pride, and lifelong learning. These allow us to be good people, to treat others with respect and to thrive as an individual in society. The values we learn here not only form us personally and allow us to love and respect ourselves but are the basis for the relationships and friendships we will have throughout our lifetime. We become a part of the community and flourish personally. Wynnum High shapes the person you will be tomorrow and forevermore.