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ADJOURNMENT

Keebra Park State High School

 **Mr MOLHOEK** (Southport—LNP) (10.01 pm): I rise to fulfil a promise to one of the coaching staff from Keebra Park, Darren Hart. Keebra Park State High School is one of the great schools of the Gold Coast. It is fantastic not only because I was a foundation student there; more importantly, it is fantastic because people like the deputy chief of the Navy, Michael Noonan, went there and, more recently, because of their continued outstanding performance at the national schoolboys rugby league finals. Under the guidance of Greg Lenton, Glen Campbell and the coaching staff—James Chapman, Peter Norman, Pete Stevens, Will Pei and Darren Hart—the boys of Keebra Park State High School were crowned national schoolboy champions for 2017 after defeating Westfields Sports High School in the national final on Wednesday, 6 September. This year was Keebra's eighth finals appearance. For a school of just 700 students, they are definitely punching above their weight.

As Keebra grows, there is a great need for a new amenities block near the sports ovals. The sports ovals are a significant distance from the main school area. As the local member, this is one issue that I will be fighting for in the future and beyond the next election if I am re-elected because the school desperately needs new facilities not just to cater for growth but also to cater for the increase in participation of girls in sport within the school.

Keebra, however, does not just punch above their weight in sports; they are also seeing outstanding results in their academic and cultural performances. They have a nationally renowned science excellence program. Under the leadership of their new principal, Adam Brandis, they are working towards becoming a flagship school for the national curriculum. Keebra Park State High School is a great school. It has absolutely gone from strength to strength in recent years and is producing excellent young adults through its core values of respect, responsibility and commitment.

I want to bring to the attention of the House the fact that Keebra, like many other schools in my electorate, is experiencing significant growth pressures as a result of infill development on the Gold Coast. Once the Commonwealth Games village is redeployed sometime next year, there will be another 3,000 or 4,000 people living within the precinct putting additional pressure on schools like Ashmore State School, Benowa State School, Southport State School, Southport State High School—which is already flourishing as a flagship school on the coast—Musgrave Hill State School and Bellevue Park State School.

I am particularly proud of my old school, Keebra Park. It has been a great pleasure to go back there on many occasions. The multicultural festival this year was an absolute highlight. It was great to be there with the Premier earlier this year when she announced Patty Mills, an Australian basketballer, as an official ambassador for the Commonwealth Games.