



Speech By  
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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Peninsula Respect Project**

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills) (6.21 pm): It is my pleasure to speak this evening about a wonderful project that I had the opportunity to launch back in February—and the member for Murrumba was there as well—the Peninsula Respect Project, which aligns with the Respect our staff, respect our school campaign which is being rolled out across Queensland state schools. This was hosted at the Golden Ox Restaurant at Margate in my electorate. This is a great initiative which is about showing respect to our teachers and school staff and also asks people in the community to commit to showing respect to each other. Setting out clear expectations helps create a safe and supportive environment for all, whether that be in teaching and learning or other fields of endeavour.

I want to congratulate and thank the 13 state schools right across the Redcliffe Peninsula, Deception Bay and Mango Hill and all P&C representatives for coming on board with the Peninsula Respect project. Special thanks go to the project coordinator and principal of the Redcliffe State High School, Ms Shona McKinlay, and Mr Carlos Ortego, Redcliffe State High School P&C president, for their leadership roles. I encourage business, government community organisations and individual members to become involved because ultimately everyone will benefit.

I have had the great pleasure of witnessing this project develop, and it is great to see how our state schools have taken the initiative in getting such a valuable concept off the ground. All 13 schools will play a pivotal role in cultivating a culture of respect in their school communities, which in turn will affect the community of Redcliffe. However, we all have a role to play in building a culture of respect across all aspects of community life. This project will provide an important vehicle for community networks to raise and discuss issues and explore strategies to strengthen partnerships and promote respect for the dignity of each person.

Focusing on clear, positive and engaging strategies is the key. Our schools have already been involved in helping shape a consistent approach for this project and in developing resources, but broader community support will be critical to its success. I am so pleased to see businesses coming on board and some of the resources that have been created. Tonight I am wearing a ribbon which says, 'Respect—Commit to it!' I have enough ribbons for each member of parliament who wants to commit to showing respect to each other in this parliament and in our communities. I also have cards which say, 'Community commitments: as a member of this community I will be respectful in all my interactions; be a positive role model for the young people in our community; be a productive contributing member of the community.'

I encourage members to get on to the Respect—Commit to it! Facebook page and 'like' it to support this initiative. Encourage your own community to take up these initiatives. This is about showing respect to each other in this place, in our community, to our teachers, the staff at our schools, to parents and young people. We cannot ask young people to show respect unless we as adults lead by example, and that is what we ask every member of this parliament to do this evening.