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ADJOURNMENT

Coolum State High School

 **Mr PURDIE** (Ninderry—LNP) (7.06 pm): I rise tonight to place on the record how proud I am to represent a number of outstanding schools in the electorate of Ninderry that are punching well above their weight in achieving amazing outcomes for our kids on the coast; schools that are setting an unbelievably high benchmark in providing our kids with an environment in which they can thrive not just in the classroom and on the sporting field but an environment where they can learn, grow and develop into outstanding young adults.

A prime example of this is Coolum State High School. Under the direction of new school principal Troy Ascott, with the assistance of his senior leadership team and a passionate team of educators and supported by an energetic and active P&C, this school is punching well above its weight. I know that awards are not the only way we assess the success of our kids, but some of the recent results and accolades that students from Coolum State High School have received are second to none.

On the weekend just gone the school's wind symphony orchestra travelled to Victoria to compete in the Victorian School Music Festival, where they brought home the gold medal. This result is off the back of their silver medal at the recent Sunshine Coast school eisteddfod. Music coordinator, Miss Sharelle Guest, has had these talented students at school at 7 am practising in preparation for these competitions, and it is great to see that their hard work and dedication is paying off.

It is not just the school musicians who are representing this school in our community with distinction. The school athletics team is also setting the pace out on the field, with a number of athletes smashing records last week at the District Athletics Carnival. The 13-year-old girls' 4 x 100 metre relay team smashed the current record by six seconds, and Cian Mallon and Reef O'Dwyer both set new district records in the high jump. In basketball, Jaxson Membrey, Lucas Membrey, Bailey Jobson, Izaak Sklenars and Jack Woodward have all made the Sunshine Coast Phoenix rep side.

The Coolum State High School Surfing Academy continues to produce world-class surfers, with Ellia Smith winning the state surfing titles and Ashton Pignat and Brae Edgerton finishing a tidy second place at the recent MR Shield surf comp. It is not just in the beach, the court, the field and the stage where students from Coolum State High School are excelling: the school debating team has scooped the pool in their recent round of competitions. The senior debating team recently won their last three competitions and they are also excelling in the STEM programs.

What makes me most proud is the way the students from Coolum school are representing themselves and their school out in the local community, taking part in recent Anzac Day parades and other important community events.

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