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ADJOURNMENT

Nursery Road Special School; Coorparoo Secondary College

 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (7.03 pm): Tonight I wish to share with the House the tale of two ovals: Nursery Road Special School and Coorparoo Secondary College. If you want an example of Labor's good financial management leading to good outcomes, you could find no better example than the ovals at Nursery Road Special School and Coorparoo Secondary College. I had the privilege of representing the minister at the opening of the Nursery Road Special School oval last week, and it shows that Labor is committed to ensuring that students right across this state have opportunities to participate in good education, including sport and physical education.

I have had 20 years of involvement with the Nursery Road Special School through my former work with Q-RAPID, where we used to run sporting programs for students with intellectual disabilities, so it was really pleasing to go back. When we used to run those programs 20 years ago they were run under a little shed, whereas now the students have a lovely oval with a running track, basketball hoops and a whole range of facilities. It was lovely to go back for the opening and see the kids enjoying those facilities. In spite of the heat, in spite of my suit and in spite of my lack of shoes, I participated in the sporting events. I cannot say that I did particularly well at the running or the soccer, and in basketball I did not get one single hoop, but I did find that parachute ball is a game at which I can excel. We could not get the kids off the oval, they were so excited. I look forward to returning to that school over the coming years, driving past and seeing students with disabilities having the same opportunities as every other student in our fine state.

I would like to acknowledge the students from the catering department at Nursery Road Special School who are learning hospitality skills. They put on what could only be described as a fantastic morning tea. The skills of the baristas were second to none.

I would now like to turn to the Coorparoo Secondary College. It is a fantastic local school. Coorparoo Secondary College has great education programs. It has great teachers, and I acknowledged them after World Teachers' Day last week.

Mr Minnikin: It has some great past students.

Mr KELLY: It has some great past students; I will take that interjection. It has great facilities. It is for this reason that it has been listed amongst the top 10 improving schools in Queensland, and that is why we are seeing growing enrolments at Coorparoo Secondary College. We are now adding to those facilities by refurbishing an AFL oval, which will allow Coorparoo Secondary College to work with the Coorparoo Junior Aussie Rules club to implement a program of excellence.

The Roos next door have done a fine job of creating pathways for girls from under 5s right through to professional levels, so no doubt when we see them working with Coorparoo Secondary College we will see great outcomes in the future. The Gabba is less than a kilometre away from Coorparoo

Secondary College, and I know that we will see many students, both women and men, running on for the Lions at the Gabba from Coorparoo Secondary College. Two ovals, two communities, building sporting participation and excellence for all students—

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