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ADJOURNMENT

Nudgee Electorate, Schools and Community Groups

 **Ms LINARD** (Nudgee—ALP) (7.26 pm): As term 4 fast draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the graduating students of Earnshaw State College, Mary Mackillop College and Nudgee College in my electorate of Nudgee, and Wavell State High School just over the border, the very best as they embark on this next chapter in their lives. Just last week, I attended both Nudgee College and Earnshaw State College awards nights and spoke to students about their feelings of gratitude for the friends and shared experiences they have had over the past 13 years of formal schooling and for the investment made by their families and teachers in their journey. Equally, they spoke of excitement for what lies ahead.

There are also hundreds of year 6 students across my electorate getting ready to graduate and take their next step to high school in 2019. I also take this opportunity to wish them every success as they in most cases move to new schools to make new friends and embark on new adventures. I know that our local schools have prepared them for success.

It is also that time of year when tireless local community and sporting groups work so hard to organise community events to wish everyone a merry Christmas and thank volunteers for their efforts over the past year. Over the past few weeks in the normal course of being an MP, attending events and meetings or just dropping by to say hello, I have caught up with members and volunteers of the Virginia United FC, Banyo RSL Citizens Auxiliary, Toombul District Cricket Club, Zillmere Eagles, Nundah P&C, Nundah Now and others. There is one thing that all of these conversations have had in common. Yes, many of them raise requests for assistance, financial support or infrastructure issues, but all of them did so for the benefit of others. What these groups share—as indeed do community and volunteer groups generally—is the wonderful value of altruism. Whether to grow a sport for the enjoyment of the community or to make a community festival more welcoming, to raise awareness of a health concern or money for a school community, they do what they do for the benefit of others.

I want to dedicate my last adjournment speech for the 2018 parliamentary sitting year to thanking all of the community and sporting groups, the P&Cs, the P&Fs, healthcare and disability advocate groups, social enterprises, neighbourhood centres, RSLs, and church and senior groups across the Nudgee electorate and the volunteers who run them. Thank you for your service and for the energy, time and heart you put into your activities and our community. May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very safe and happy Christmas season. I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming local events, including the Neighbourhood Watch Family Fun Day at Northgate and Boondall, the Orchid Society Christmas party, the Toombul Croquet Club birthday, the sixth annual South Pacific Islander Christmas in the Park, the Lodge Youth Support Service supporters lunch, the BDCG Christmas in the Park and Nundah Markets inaugural Christmas markets in the coming weeks.