



Speech By  
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## ADJOURNMENT

### Algester Electorate, Schools

 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts) (6.15 pm): I rise today to talk about the schools in my electorate and the amazing work they do. As a former teacher, education is a priority for me and of course it is for the people I get to represent in the electorate of Algester. The schools in my community are strong, diverse and multicultural. The hardworking staff, students and parents make a real effort to ensure they are inclusive and welcoming places.

Each time I meet with students from the Algester electorate I recognise and celebrate the grace with which these students carry themselves. They represent the building blocks of the multicultural and inclusive society that is Queensland and is Australia. Each year I proudly host the student leaders from each of my local schools at Parliament House. This year I have had the pleasure of hosting almost all of my schools, but I will mention a few just now.

From St Stephen's Catholic Primary School I hosted the school captains, Elise Ivankovic and Tejean Weesah-Nah-Konteh, and Deputy Principal Charlotte Thomson. St Stephen's Catholic Primary School is such a beautiful place when one walks into it. We recently had Schools Tree Day at the school. They planted some special trees that they will watch grow over the years. They will have a permanent place in the school grounds.

**Ms Grace:** Great photograph.

**Ms ENOCH:** It was great. From Algester State School I hosted the school captains, Jaiden Bo, Jared Sparg, Alyssa Wong and Charlotte Cormack, and Deputy Principal Kristin Lord. Algester State School is totally committed to coding and robotics. They have been doing some incredible things around STEM education for their kids. I provided them with some Ozobots a couple of years ago. They have grown that program so much. The kids are so engaged in it and are really competent. They have been absolutely amazing.

From Pallara State School I hosted the school captains, Emilie Cowley, Zayne Comerford, Ethan Tu, Nicolas Watts, and amazing Principal Mark Johnson. Pallara State School is well known for its environmental credentials. They have a great environmental program. The children are very engaged in that. They have some great recycling happening at the school which they are very proud of.

From the Murri School from Acacia Ridge I hosted Shakira Cloudsley, Sylah Costelloe, Isabella Fiore and Nadia Desnica, the administration officer. The Murri School hosts the Acacia Ridge NAIDOC events each year. They had an amazing event for the community just recently.

I have also welcomed the entire year 6 class of St Bernadine's in Regents Park to visit Parliament House. I am proud to represent these diverse young people as our next generation of leaders.