



Speech By  
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## ADJOURNMENT

### Algerter Electorate, Schools

 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algerter—ALP) (Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts) (7.09 pm): This evening I want to welcome to Parliament House principals and P&C presidents from schools in the Algerter electorate. Every day our teachers, teacher aides, support staff and of course the incredible volunteers in our P&Cs work hard to make sure our children have a great start to life and have the skills they need for a rapidly changing world.

Each year I invite student leaders from each of the schools in my electorate of Algerter to Parliament House and so far this year I have had the pleasure of hosting school captains and vice-captains from Watson Road State School, Pallara State School, Acacia Ridge, Algerter, Browns Plains State School, Browns Plains State High School and Calamvale Community College along with the three Catholic primary schools in my electorate, St Bernadine's, St Stephen's and Our Lady of Fatima, and on top of that one of Queensland's vibrant Islamic colleges, Wisdom College, and our state's first school specifically established to support first nations children, the Murri School. I have also had the opportunity to catch up with year 6 classes from Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School and the Murri School when they visited Parliament House this year. Just last week I enjoyed lunch in Parliament House with students from the wonderful Calamvale Special School.

During these visits the students were interested to learn about our structure of government, the history of our state and the importance of political participation and there were many and varied questions about this place, but on many occasion I was asked several questions about the environment and about the importance in taking action on climate change. These students were incredibly knowledgeable and incredibly passionate about this subject and they had some great insight into protecting our planet and thinking critically about our nation's future, which of course is their future. This is why we must invest in them and ensure they receive a world-class education.

I have the great fortune of having some incredible educators who work with our students across my electorate, but on top of that should a Shorten Labor government be elected this Saturday the schools in the Algerter electorate will receive an extra \$6.5 million over the next three years as part of the Fairer Funding Now scheme, and I know this will be warmly welcomed in my electorate. In addition to this, there will also be some exciting improvements to some of our local schools, including \$93,000 of upgrades at Acacia Ridge State School which will cover the cost of new laptops for students and upgrades to outdoor areas, \$44,000 towards improvements to the outdoor learning area at Watson Road State School and \$50,000 for an environment centre and STEM lab at Pallara State School which will also be available to schools in surrounding areas. Education is an incredibly important part of our community and for our kids as they prepare for what is a rapidly changing world in which there are great uncertainties, but with great educators they are able to have all the skills they need to be able to adapt to that.