



Speech By  
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## ADJOURNMENT

### Calamvale Special School, Spring Fair

 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algerster—ALP) (Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts) (7.03 pm): School fetes and fairs are a highlight of the year for many schools, and that is true for the many outstanding schools in my own electorate of Algerster. Over the weekend I had the great pleasure of attending Calamvale Special School's Spring Fair. Calamvale Special School is a school led by an outstanding principal, Sue Howell, who brings abundant energy to her role and has an incredibly talented and committed teaching and support staff who I am in awe of.

It is a school supported by an incredibly generous and passionate P&C, led ably by new president Natalie Cupitt. It is a school that has absolutely beautiful students who every time I visit remind me of the true gift they are to our community. If the first ever Calamvale Special School Spring Fair on the weekend was anything to go by, it is also a school that has the full support of our Algerster community. It was a huge hit. I know that the school community had worked hard over the last few months to make this event a success, and their hard work definitely paid off. There were performances from students. There were businesses and community organisations represented at numerous stalls. The school's op shop was open. There was a great P&C cake stall and there were activities for all to be involved in.

More than a thousand people—that is my estimate anyway—from across our community came out to support the school with its fundraising efforts. Funds raised from the day will go towards a much needed new playground which the P&C have been working towards for a while now. The playground equipment will be more suitable for all students including those in wheelchairs or with a vision impairment. This means that all students can have a better learning experience including students like Arianne, who I have known for some years now and was happy to see enjoying the fair with her grandmother.

I would like to congratulate the entire team at Calamvale Special School for a successful spring fair. I am incredibly proud to have one of Queensland's 45 special schools in my electorate. In this year's budget our government has committed \$350,000 for refurbishments at Calamvale Special School. These upgrades mean new classrooms, improved facilities to support students' unique learning needs and more breakout spaces. It is obvious that big things are happening at Calamvale Special School. I look forward to seeing what is next for the school community.

While I still have a little more time on the clock, I want to add that this weekend I will be holding a community forum for a number of my communities who live in what is known as peri-urban locations to prepare for any dangers that the continued fire season may have for our community. I encourage everyone to be involved in that.