



Speech By  
**Hon. Grace Grace**


**MEMBER FOR MCCONNEL**

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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Further Answer to Question, Calen District State College**

 **Hon. G GRACE** (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations) (12.18 pm): In response to the member for Whitsunday's question with regard to Calen District State College, I can update the House with additional information. The enrolment numbers for 2020 so far for Calen District State College are about 196. The built capacity of that school is 529. It has a utilisation rate of 37 per cent. For the benefit of the member for Whitsunday, obviously principals decide, as I am sure you did, Mr Deputy Speaker Stewart, during your days as a principal, how to utilise classrooms and school spaces, particularly where there is spare capacity of around 60 per cent.

The situation the MP has referred to relates to a composite class. I am advised that the space was used as a group breakout for 30 minutes at a time and that the space has not been used since the first week of school. The member for Whitsunday obviously has no idea about the school in his electorate. He is making accusations about a lack of space at a school that has a built capacity of 529, enrolments of around 200 students and a utilisation rate of 37 per cent. I would rather he say 'thank you' for the tens of millions of dollars that are being spent in his electorate on school facilities.