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**MEMBER FOR NINDERRY**

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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT**

**World Teachers' Day; Day for Daniel**

 **Mr PURDIE** (Ninderry—LNP) (3.07 pm): I take this opportunity to acknowledge my wife, not only for being an amazing wife and a fantastic mother but also for being an awesome teacher. Tomorrow is World Teachers' Day and I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge her and her teaching cohort who teach grade 1 and all teachers in the 14 schools in my electorate—probably over 100 teachers—who teach around 10,000 students.

The World Teachers' Day website is promoting the #brightfuture. That is what our amazing teachers across the electorate, across the coast, across the state and across the world do every day. I thank them for that. I have seen firsthand how hard they work. I must admit a long time ago I was a bit naive and thought teachers, having a relatively short day and some extra holidays, maybe had it pretty cruisy, but I can tell members that they do not. Every night my wife is planning, marking or on OneSchool making entries. That is not even talking about leading up to Book Week. Book Week at our house is like preparing for the Olympics opening ceremony: there is glue, materials and sewing machines. I have seen firsthand how hard teachers work.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge all of the teachers who work in the 14 schools in my electorate for the hard work that they do to give all of our kids a bright future. In the past 18 months in particular we saw our teachers really answer the call. They were asked to stand up in the peak of COVID in March, April and May of last year when we were all working from home. I was on a forced isolation order and my wife was re-imagining teaching her grade 1s. She was recording things to try to keep them engaged online and overseeing our two girls with their online learning while trying to keep me in line at home, which was painful for two weeks. If you get online, they are calling for people to upload a photo to #worldteachersday, which takes me to my second point.

While talking about education, I want to acknowledge Denise and Bruce Morcombe. As we know, tomorrow is Day for Daniel. I think this is the 17th Day for Daniel. On the Sunshine Coast we remember vividly the reasons behind Day for Daniel, but more broadly across Queensland and the country the Morcombe family and the Morcombe Foundation have brought the important topic of child safety into every home. Tomorrow is a day to acknowledge and recognise that and maybe have those conversations with your kids. Day for Daniel is also a day to wear red and dig deep if you are in a position to do so. Please take the time to donate. I know members from this side and, I have no doubt, members and ministers from the other side will be participating in the Walk for Daniel tomorrow. I thank them for doing that. In closing, I acknowledge all of our teachers, the Morcombe family and the Morcombe Foundation.