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 **Mr MELLISH** (Aspley—ALP) (8.33 pm): Last Friday night was a fantastic night at Aspley State High School in my electorate. We had the latest iteration of the annual A Factor Talent Competition. I am very happy to support the event in a very small way, but it is a great event that looks like it is getting bigger and bigger every year. 'Back to the '80s' was the theme for this year. There was so many fantastic entries. I cannot list them all; I can only go through some of the winners from the night.

Murdered by Monday was the group winner. They were really great after a shaky start. They jumped the gun a bit, but they got there and it was a really great performance. The junior winner was Noah Hizon with a fantastic original song. Noah was doubling up; he was also in a band earlier, Son of Hades, which, I was very pleased to hear, performed a Nirvana cover at that time of the evening. I do not think we were allowed to do Nirvana covers when I went to school, so it is great to see that time has made everyone appreciate the artistic merits there. It was a classic. It was *In Bloom* which is a great Nirvana song. Daniel was the senior winner, featuring The Watchmen as his backup band, and Ol' Mate Special was the overall winner with a jet fuel powered cover of Kenny Loggins' *Danger Zone*. As the last act performing on the evening, it was incredible to see them in their *Top Gun* outfits just absolutely killing it on stage. It was really good to see.

Also on the night, the senior and junior dance teams were fantastic. There was a lowlight unfortunately of the evening—the teachers' band was absolutely abysmal! They were pretty shocking. They tried really hard, but their cover of *Love Shack* was really a bit all over the shop. I am joking, of course. They were really good. They put in a bit of effort, but maybe next year they can pick their game up a little bit. It was also good to see the evening finished off by Simian Sick who were the winners from last year. I see them around at various festivals and competitions on the north side. It was great to see them come back to their school and play three songs at the end. It was a really great performance.

It was really good to see that music at the school is really taking off and a very small part of that, I think, but a bigger part going forward, is the new performing arts centre which we opened there in late 2021. The spaces we have in there are absolutely incredible—the music recording studios, the dance studios. The facilities the students have mean they can really excel, really shine at what they do in the creative sector. It is really great to see going forward. I thank the Minister for Education for delivering a really great piece of infrastructure so that in the future some of these students can pick up their careers, can enjoy it for now if that is what they want to do, but going forward in the future they can absolutely do that.