




Speech By
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 **Mr MARTIN** (Stretton—ALP) (2.09 pm): I rise to commend some of the outstanding achievements of the schools and students in my local area. The parents of Stretton certainly value education and our students have achieved some great results in academics, sport, the arts and music. It is reflective of the fantastic work of our teachers, parents and students. Earlier this year Sunnybank Hills State School was recognised as one of the top-performing primary schools in the region with outstanding results. It shows the true quality of state school education in Queensland and I commend principal Geoff Mill for his leadership and focus on excellence.

Every year I am impressed with the academic achievements of our young people and I want to recognise a few: Neha Pauly, who has just gone off to study politics at Cambridge University; Snow Duan, who has gone to study linguistics at Oxford University and who volunteered in my office with some translation before she left, and she will be sorely missed; and young Joshua Dickman from St Thomas More College who is off to study public policy at ANU, and he was also the YMCA youth member for Stretton this year. These are all very bright young people and they are great examples of the success of my community and the value that we put on education.

Schooling life is not just about academic grades though and I am proud to say that students in the Stretton electorate have the opportunity to receive an all-round quality education. In the sporting arena, Stretton State College's senior Rugby League team were victors in the Gee Shield grand final in a nailbiting 14-12 comeback win over Caloundra. Well done to head coach Jayden Best for building a successful Rugby League excellence program. I am sure that we will be seeing plenty of future Broncos down the track.

A government member: Dolphins or the Broncos?

Mr MARTIN: I will not take that interjection. Massive crowds were in attendance at the Runcorn State High Blues Cup touch football tournament recently. It is one of the biggest touch footy carnivals in Brisbane—a fantastic annual event that showcases the skills of local students. A special mention to the teachers and the student volunteers who put that together. Islamic College of Brisbane students are fantastic at futsal. They have won multiple championships all around Australia. A special mention to Danya Mustafa and Sanaa Yusuf, who competed for Australia in the World Futsal Championships in Spain.

In music news, Stretton State College's Instrumental Music Program has won awards all around Australia and internationally. It was also recognised in this year's Fanfare Festival. Well done to all of the students and teachers involved in the *Little Mermaid* musical which was put on in the Duncan Pegg Performing Arts Centre this year. I took my son along and he wanted to give a special mention to young Kelly Tregaea from year 6 who did a great job playing Sebastian. I want to recognise all of the achievements of the students and teachers in Stretton. Education is one of my priorities and this government's priorities and I am very proud to be part of a government that supports—

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