



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR COOMERA**

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Coomera Electorate**

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (8.48 pm): I had the pleasure last week of awarding the Michael Crandon MP Bursary Award in the amount of \$1,000. From a large pool of nominations, retired school principal and Rotary member Heather Andrew and I interviewed five short-listed candidates. The successful nominee was Traleigh, a year 12 student from Ormeau Woods State High School. Traleigh outlined an impressive list of achievements over several years to year 12, including a STEM award in year 6, academic all-rounder award and mathematics academic pillar award in year 7, accelerated education program in year 8, Women's Acknowledgement Award in year 11 and, in this, her final year at Ormeau Woods State High School, the QUT Headstart Program.

As well, Traleigh revealed her broad range of interests, including school choir from 2017 to 2021 and Ormeau Woods State High School Maths Excellence Club 2017-18. She has demonstrated that she is a team player and was sports house captain in 2016 and has competed in soccer and futsal tournaments. She was a cultural pillar leader in 2021 and 2022. As well, Traleigh competed in the Beenleigh Eisteddfod in choir, drumline and small vocal group.

The study that Traleigh wishes to undertake in 2023 is a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy and a Bachelor of Speech Pathology at Southern Cross University. In response to the question, 'Why do you want to undertake this study?', Traleigh said that she wants to be able to help other children who, like herself, may have learning and/or physical disabilities. She wants to assist in their diagnosis at an early age to help them in their growth so they do not have to experience what she experienced in her younger school years. 'Seeing their growth is something I aspire to be part of,' she said. This bursary will assist Traleigh by going towards a laptop computer so that she can have one that functions or possibly assist in the purchase of books or supplies.

Last week it was also my pleasure to accept an invitation to one of my 60 or so preschools, the Coomera Playschool Early Learning Centre. Dana Tilly, the centre director, greeted me and we had a great time with me reading the book *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* to the pre-preps, which is one of their favourites. After the reading Miss Giff led the singing of a Yugambah language welcome song, a Pacific islander song followed by *Rudolf, the Red-Nosed Reindeer* and, to round things out, *Do-Re-Mi*, and you guessed it; it was all in perfect harmony. Two of the students, Naomi and Tex, made me a lovely card and presented it to me as a thankyou. I have to say it was an absolute pleasure to enjoy some time with these delightful, full-of-life pre-preppers.