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 **Ms BATES** (Mudgeeraba—LNP) (8.32 pm): It is that time of the year again. The jacarandas are out and for Mudgeeraba students, their families and their educators that means just one thing: exam time. I would like to place on the record my appreciation for all concerned as they prepare for final assessments for 2022. Whether it is the students, their parents, the teachers, the principals, the school admin support teams, I know all have done their best throughout this year to reach this point. I have met with school leaders, both students and principals, throughout the year. In fact, many of my schools have enjoyed visits to this place to see MPs in action and have been fortunate to meet with Mr Speaker and the opposition leader during their tours.

I have also hosted my principals to discuss with them the challenges and opportunities facing our different school communities—from Springbrook Mountain and Numinbah Valley in the hinterland through to the thriving Robina State High School closer to the coast. We talk about improvements to roads, better classrooms, modern facilities, all of which they need to provide the best education for the children of Mudgeeraba. They can be assured that I will continue to fight for every improvement I can assist with to make sure our schools have the best and safest environments in which to nurture the young minds of their communities. I will especially continue to fight for more schools west of the M1 as families flock to the best electorate in the state. We need more facilities so they can raise their children with access to schools and other facilities in Mudgeeraba.

Facilities and technology are just part of the equation. We also talk about their passion for teaching and learning and that is what I believe makes all the difference for the futures of our young people. They are dedicated and committed to excellence and I see that shining through as I visit my schools to join in the graduation ceremonies at this time of year. Throughout the year, they facilitate extracurricular activities, ranging from musicals to elite level sport while remaining focused on the academic goals set by and for their young charges. They also counsel them about the myriad options available and remind them that a single score, or one result, will not limit their future. Striving for excellence is their mantra and their example, and I know the students of my community are in good hands.

To all students, families and educators I say, 'Good luck with exam season 2022. The Mudgeeraba jacarandas are blooming and that means you are nearly there.'