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 **Mr MELLISH** (Aspley—ALP) (6.12 pm): I rise to speak about some incredible milestones and significant investment at Aspley schools. Aspley State High School recently hosted a fantastic evening which showcased its impressive student talent and provided a diverse range of activities to celebrate its 60th birthday. There was minigolf. The Brisbane Roar were there. There was a football game, school tours, school memorabilia, a roll call and, of course, as it was an Aspley State High School event, amazing young singers and bands on the stage all night playing fantastic music. I was proud to support and attend such a large community-driven affair where you could see how loved and rich the school's history and present are.

With the school hosting flashback tours, you could get a feel of the history its buildings hold—the old ones and the new hall which we opened just a few years ago. Live music performances played throughout the entire night by students from their vocal excellence and band and performance programs. The student bands included many I have seen before including Old Mate Special, Sons of Hades and Melophobia as well as talented student solo singers Dylan Seiler, Phoenix Symonds and Zoe Holmes. Aspley alumni the Watchmen Band also visited for a legendary performance. Seeing students come back to perform at their old school really did make the celebration feel like a family affair.

These outstanding musical performances were also accompanied by the 60th celebration football match between current students and alumni. It was fantastic to see current and ex-students compete head-to-head. Seeing both music and sporting talent, I got to see the plethora of opportunities that the school provides for all its students. It continues to be a cornerstone within the electorate. I thank the school for organising such a fantastic and engaging celebratory event. Well done to Principal Jacquita Miller for a great night.

This Saturday I will be attending Geebung State School's 70th birthday celebration. I have heard that the instrumental ensemble and choir have been hard at work practising for their performances, to be hosted in the hall and courtyard. There will be alumni and past students in attendance, memorabilia displays and stalls to be run by the student council, the school chaplain and the very hardworking P&C.

I look forward to soon opening Aspley Special School's new two-storey 12-classroom learning facility. This \$11 million newly completed school block will expand the school's resources to ensure it can continue to develop a supportive and modern learning environment for all students. I thank the education minister for that brilliant project. Every child deserves an education—from prep to year 12—and every child deserves good facilities. This is why I am extremely proud to be opening this great facility at Aspley Special School.

I wish good luck to the Aspley Hornets QAFLW team. They are in their very first grand final this weekend. They are playing against Bond Uni. Good luck against the Silvertails. The Hornets have a lot of teams still in preliminary and qualification finals. They are having an outstanding season. Well done to them. I also wish good luck to the Aspley Devils under-15 division 3 boys. They are playing in the grand final on Sunday against Pine Central. I am sure they will bring it home.