




Speech By
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 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (7.12 pm): For everybody in this chamber, our year 12s are heading into their exam period for the next two weeks. I think everybody in this chamber is going to wish every year 12 student in their electorate the very best of luck. I had the opportunity to talk to our year 12 students at Victoria Point State High School on Friday. They were all very excited to be heading into their last two weeks, but I think they are probably a bit more excited about their formal at the end of that period.

I want to take this opportunity to give a shout-out to Jarrod at our Macleay Island State School. He runs the playgroup out there, the Buzzing Bees.

A government member interjected.

Ms RICHARDS: Too many Jarrods! He does an absolutely fantastic job. He has over 40 little ones in that playgroup. They are providing that gateway into our school system. Jarrod is doing a fantastic job on Macleay Island. I give a shout-out to our Russell Island State School. We are delivering kindy in the state school setting. It is the only place in South-East Queensland that is doing that. They are doing a fantastic job in their beautiful new buildings delivered by the Palaszczuk government. That is an absolutely fantastic opportunity for our young kindergarten students to get that lead into prep.

When we talk about education, there is so much happening in the Redlands. I give a shout-out to our new Scenic Shores State School which is set to open in term 1 in 2024. Our government is planning to make sure we have the infrastructure in place for growth. To Principal Hendriks and Deputy Principal Bunce, you are doing a fantastic job. I cannot wait to see what that looks like when we open in term 1 next year. There is a lot of work in that education space.

We know that there are a lot of bushfires happening across Queensland at the moment. I give a shout-out to our rural firefighters. My Russell Island rural firefighters dealt with another house fire on Russell Island last week. They did a fantastic job. To everybody who is on the front line of any fire anywhere in Queensland, I say thank you for your service to our community. We are very blessed for that service. They do an amazing job.

I also give a shout-out to the Macleay Island Progress Association that is doing a fantastic job with some renovation works at the Progress Hall. They had Bernie's Market on the weekend. It was a fantastic opportunity to talk to the locals, and very delicious coffee and cakes were had that morning. I give a shout-out to James and the team.

Finally, I want to again reflect on the amazing jetty terminals. Minister Bailey, those terminals are transformative for the four Southern Moreton Bay Islands. That is \$46 million worth of brand new jetty terminals for our island community. I am so proud of the work we are delivering right across the Redlands.