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Mansfield State High School, 50th Anniversary

 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (2.41 pm): Mansfield State High School is the pride of our community. It is located in the centre of the electorate. Our community is proud of this school, the teaching and non-teaching staff, the leadership team and, of course, our beautiful students. Every day our community witnesses the conduct of Mansfield students—the way they dress, how they demonstrate their community responsibilities, their manners and their commitment to academic excellence.

I rise to share exciting news today. This weekend Mansfield State High School and our community will celebrate their 50th anniversary. This means that for 50 years Mansfield State High School has been educating our local community. More than 40,000 local children over these 50 years have had the benefit of a quality education provided by this wonderful local school.

Recently our community celebrated 71 graduates who achieved an ATAR of 97.4 or above. That is equivalent to more than 35 students achieving an OP-1. At this ceremony the 2023 school dux were announced. Congratulations to Charlotte Albert and Chanithie Arachchillage. Both students achieved an ATAR of 99.9 and had exceptional internal and external results during their senior year. They were jointly named as the 2023 school dux. I congratulate year 12 2023 graduate Samuel Tong on receiving a prestigious Iwasaki Sangyo Scholarship. Samuel delivered a very beautiful speech before departing for Japan the very next day. We wish him the best of luck. We are so proud of his achievements.

Over the weekend the Queensland Labor government's investment in Mansfield State High School will be on show for our whole community to see, including: the new C block year 7 building; the new oval and lights; the refurbished admin building; the new drop and go; the new sports centre; the hall upgrade; the new science centre building; the upgrade to K block performing arts; the upgrade to all kitchens and A block; the upgrade to F block music centre; the new P block building; the brand new J block building; air-conditioned classrooms powered by solar panels; the new canteen, uniform shop and outdoor shaded area; and the F block terraces. This has all been delivered since I was elected in 2017—more than \$200 million of investment.

This is my track record for our community, and our community is well aware of it. On Saturday we will celebrate with a food and entertainment festival, including classroom exhibits. Saturday night we will party at Club Southside accompanied by performances by the music excellence students. Our community knows the value of education, and our community knows who will always prioritise an investment in education in our community. I look forward to the 2024 election.