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Mount Morgan State High School

 **Mr G KELLY** (Mirani—LNP) (9.18 pm): Last week I was lucky enough to be invited to attend a very important birthday. It was the 113th birthday of the Mount Morgan State High School. Mount Morgan State High School holds the honour of being the oldest state high school in Queensland by one day, having opened in 1912. This history is a reminder of what an economic powerhouse Mount Morgan once was. The school has served the community with purpose throughout its life.

First starting as a technical college in 1908 before becoming a state high school, it served the community as a temporary isolation hospital in 1919 for patients with Spanish flu. Today, the school still serves throughout the community by educating just over 215 students with distinction and is led by principal James Lye. With a vision to create the leaders of tomorrow, Mr Lye has helped to instil the strong sense of respect amongst the students. Whilst there, the respect that the students had for all the teaching staff was clear with the students all acknowledging Mr Lye with a 'Good morning, Sir. How are you?' as he took me on a tour of the school. No more was this sense of respect and strong leadership shown than in the new school captains and vice captains. A team of four young confident women—Abbie, Dakota, Keeley and Destiny—all show the characteristics of strong, respected leaders amongst the students. The confidence with which they led the school assembly will serve them well in their roles, being leaders for the school and helping set an example for other students in terms of what they can achieve.

I commend the work of the staff at Mount Morgan State High School and, with future plans being developed to help improve the school, I look forward to working with them in coming years to ensure that the school continues to honour its history and tradition by continuing to provide high-quality education for young people in the region and around the area of Mount Morgan.