




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR COOMERA

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ADJOURNMENT

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (9.15 pm): I would like to begin by apologising to any member opposite who felt that there was a personal attack on them, in particular—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: The member is issuing an apology. I will hear that in silence.

Mr CRANDON:—the member for Sandgate. I say to all of them or anyone who felt that I was making a personal attack: I feel your pain. I thought long and hard before I stood in this House to speak to that bill. They do not know me, either. They do not know my background. They do not know my family experience. I am saying to them now sincerely and honestly in this House in front of these people and for the record: I apologise to them unreservedly for any pain that they feel as a result of the words that I used in this House. They were not intended as a personal attack.

Last week was yet another busy week on the northern Gold Coast and some exciting events were taking place, starting with the official opening of the Pimpama train station, which was eight years in the waiting. I was joined by the Minister for Transport and Main Roads, Brent Mickelberg, and Queensland Rail CEO Kat Stapleton for that event. The Crisafulli government's permanent 50-cent fares were a big win for commuters on the northern Gold Coast. We finally saw the station open and buses actually going to Halcyon Greens instead of cruising straight past.

I also attended Pimpama State School for an early World Teachers' Day event with people celebrating 10, 15 and 20 years of service. We also had a look at where the new facility—the \$2 million tuckshop—is going to be situated. There were many other events on that day. I say congratulations to my two bursary recipients, Emily White from King's Christian College and Kai Dale from Pimpama State Secondary College. We also saw St Joseph's College and had a look at their facilities and many other things.

If I may be granted a little bit more time, I do want to finish on this. There was a particularly special occasion where I attended the LORDS awards night. It was my pleasure to present the Michael Crandon MP dedicated commitment award to foundation principal Jodie Hoff. This was in recognition of Jodie's commitment and devotion to the LORD School, parents, carers and broader community. Under her guidance we have witnessed the school flourish not only in its physical structure and student numbers but also in its spirit and values. LORDS has become a beacon of excellence and compassion, deeply rooted in community service. This growth is a direct reflection of Jodie's leadership, vision and tireless commitment.

Ms BUSH: Mr Speaker—

Mr SPEAKER: Time—

Mr CRANDON: Jodie is far more than a principal.

Ms BUSH: Mr Speaker—

Mr SPEAKER: Member—

Mr CRANDON: If I may, please—she is a mentor, a friend and a cherished member of the school community, and her influence reaches far beyond the school gate. Her legacy will continue to shape LORDS in years to come. Jodie, I say thank you—

Mr SPEAKER: That is enough.

Mr CRANDON:—for her service, her heart, her leadership. We all wish her every success and happiness—

(Time expired)