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 **Ms MARR** (Thuringowa—LNP) (9.15 pm): In just weeks school bells will ring for the final time this year across Thuringowa. For our year 6 and year 12 students that bell will mark the end of an extraordinary chapter—one that began in the heart of a global pandemic. These young people learned resilience before they ever opened a textbook on it.

I am privileged to represent 13 remarkable schools in my electorate. From flipping pancakes at breakfasts, handing out awards at assemblies, reading stories in libraries and wiping tears at farewells, I have been welcomed like family. These have been some of the greatest privileges of this job and I am deeply grateful. In recent weeks I have attended Clontarf awards, Ryan Catholic College's graduation ceremony, Heatley primary's premier challenge awards, and last night a very special evening at Thuringowa State High School—their first awards night in their multipurpose hall, now with air conditioning delivered this month by the LNP Crisafulli government. I hear from the principal they are very proud they are the first and only state school in Queensland with the privilege of an air-conditioned multipurpose hall.

This class of 2025 has been through everything together. They have had teachers who believed in them when they did not believe in themselves, friends who became family and parents who never stopped showing up. As they step into what is next, whether it is university, a trade, the Defence Force, a gap year or still figuring it out, I want every one of them to hear this: Thuringowa could not be more proud of you. We are proud of your resilience, your kindness and the way you looked after each other when the world felt uncertain when you began. Your schools are your foundation. Your teachers, families and friends will always be your biggest fans, and I am right there behind them. There are some senior leaders whom I have grown to adore and love like they were my own children. I will miss you. My door is always open; do not lose touch. I want to celebrate your wins and put the jug on when you need a cuppa after a tough day.

To our year 6 and year 12 graduates of 2025, on behalf of a very grateful Thuringowa: congratulations! Go and show the world what Thuringowa kids are made of, because we already know. You are made of courage, heart and unbreakable spirit. Thank you for letting me be part of your journey.