




Speech By
Rebecca Young

MEMBER FOR REDLANDS

Record of Proceedings, 19 February 2025

ADJOURNMENT

Redlands Electorate, School Leadership

 **Mrs YOUNG** (Redlands—LNP) (9.03 pm): I rise today to acknowledge and celebrate the incredible young leaders in our Redlands schools, particularly those who have recently been inducted into 2025 leadership roles across our primary and high schools. Over the past weeks I have been, and over the next few weeks I will be, privileged to attend leadership ceremonies at our local schools, where students have stepped forward to take on responsibilities that will help shape their school communities. These young leaders, whether they are school captains, house captains, student council representatives or in other leadership roles, are not just wearing a badge; they are embracing a role of service, integrity and responsibility.

Last Thursday, I attended the St Rita's leadership ceremony in Victoria Point, a place that is special to me and my family as that is where my son completed his primary school education. I would like to take this opportunity and acknowledge by name their school leadership team: Isabella Rodrigues, Abby Cameron, Georgia Swaby, Aleah Gibbs, Natasha Leigh, Amalia Stanbridge, Neil Wong Kai In, Tilly Bastow, Ella Gilmartin, Olivia Robertson, Luke Spence, Julien Coats and Lani Taginakaibure. You are all very special to your school and I wish you all the best in 2025. Thank you for allowing me to share in your ceremony and I wish you and your year 6 cohort all the best for the year ahead. I also look forward to joining Victoria Point State High School on Monday, my only Redlands electorate high school, for its leadership ceremony.

Strong school leadership is about more than titles; it is about setting an example, fostering inclusivity and encouraging others to strive for their best. Our young leaders are learning the values of teamwork, resilience and problem solving—skills that will serve them well beyond the school gates. Leadership in our schools also plays a critical role in building a positive school culture. When students take ownership of their school environment, they help to create a sense of pride, respect and belonging. They become role models for their peers and advocates for their fellow students. They remind us all that leadership is not just about decision-making; it is about making a difference.

I congratulate the newly elected school leaders of Redlands. Your community is proud of you and I encourage you to lead with kindness, courage and a commitment to making your school the very best it can be. The future of Redlands is bright and it starts with the strong, capable young leaders we celebrate today.