



Speech By  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Redlands Electorate, Year 12 Graduates**

 **Mrs YOUNG** (Redlands—LNP) (9.03 pm): Some people might not believe this, but I graduated in 1998. It feels like it was only yesterday that I was walking out of the Lingo Lin centre at Ormiston College, the year 1s forming a guard of honour and buzzing with excitement. I think that excitement—

**Mr McDonald:** You are a good sort!

**Mrs YOUNG:** Thank you, Jim; I take that interjection—is the same mix of nerves and joy our year 12s in the Redlands are feeling right now as they head into their final week. On Monday I joined Victoria Point State High School for their annual Vikings Sports Awards, complete with their Viking mascot moonwalking across the stage. I was honoured to present the Sportspersons of the Year awards alongside Principal Susan Taylor. Congratulations to Sophie MacDiarmid and Ellis Beasley, whose achievements are genuinely outstanding and deserving of recognition in this House tonight. Their academic awards are being held tonight and their formal is tomorrow. While I cannot be there, I know that the school community will make both of these events unforgettable. I will be there on Friday morning for graduation, and I am really looking forward to sharing that milestone with them.

All year 12 students in the Redlands deserve a massive shout-out and congratulations on their important milestone. I do want to acknowledge two exceptional students, though. Matthew De Castro is a school captain and founder of the Redlands Youth Project. Over the past year he has brought young people together through barbecues, supported the Capalaba PCYC with weekly sport drop-in sessions and shown real leadership. Congratulations on your early offer to university, Matthew. To your parents, Liza and Matthew Hodge: this week is yours too. To Dawnn Nepomuceno, when I heard you sing and speak at the leadership badge ceremony, your confidence and presence stood out. Dawnn, you are destined for something really special, and I have loved being a part of your final year.

To every year 12 student across the Redlands: Team Redlands—Amanda, Russell and me—wish you all of the very best. To my own daughter, Chelsea Young, who is finishing her high school journey: I cannot wait to stand beside you this week as your new chapter begins.