

**Question on Notice**

**No. 1800**

**Asked on 1 November 2007**

Mr Bombolas asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) —

**QUESTION:**

With 2008 being nominated as 'The Year of Physical Activity' in our State primary and secondary schools, what does this mean for the students in schools within the Chatsworth Electorate?

**ANSWER:**

Our Government takes the health and wellbeing of our children and young people very seriously. We are leading the way as the first state education department to set ambitious, yet achievable, goals for students' physical activity levels through the *Smart Moves — Physical Activity Programs in Queensland State Schools* strategy.

The Year of Physical Activity for Queensland Schools in 2008 will support the implementation of *Smart Moves*, which will see all students involved in increased physical activity by the end of the year.

A range of activities and events for students, parents, schools and the community are being developed for the Year of Physical Activity, including professional development conferences for teachers and an integrated 'Move-a-thon' for students.

Students in schools in the Chatsworth electorate will be able to enter the 'Move-a-thon', which will encourage students to get moving with general physical activity in addition to their sporting activities.

Chatsworth schools will also be asked to nominate a special or feature event that uses physical activity as part of a calendar of events that will be held across the state.

My Department is creating a dedicated website with tips on how students, parents and teachers can incorporate physical activity into their everyday lives at school, home and work.

Partners in our *Eat Well, Be Active* initiatives such as the National Heart Foundation, Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation and the Department of Local Planning, Sport and Recreation will be organising parallel events also for students, parents, schools and the community.

I look forward to an active year ahead and hope that everyone will take part in a smarter, more active and healthier 2008.