

Question on Notice

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Asked on 14 June 2011

Mrs Miller asked the Minister for Education and Industrial Relations (Mr Dick) —

QUESTION:

As Collingwood Park State School has recently celebrated its 25th anniversary— Will the Minister outline achievements of the school during this time, and in particular, its performing arts, music and sports programs?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question and for her continued support of, and interest in, schools in her electorate, and education outcome for students.

I have been advised by the Department of Education and Training that over its 25 years, Collingwood Park State School has formed a proud history of supporting families from as far afield as Yamanto, Karana Downs, Forest Lake, Redbank Plains, Blackstone, Dinmore and Bellbird Park, as well as from the local area.

The school has recently joined the ranks of other Queensland state schools by becoming an Earth Smart School, and is on the way to reducing its ecological footprint.

Parents have chosen Collingwood Park State School for their children not only for its nurturing environment, but because of the opportunities afforded by its strong and inclusive arts, sports and language programs.

Collingwood Park State School provides a Music Program of Excellence for students in Prep to Year 7 which includes an instrumental music program and tuition in the areas of keyboard and voice.

The successes of these programs are evident in such achievements as the school's Senior Concert Band winning gold at the Silkstone Eisteddfod in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Collingwood Park State School also has an enviable record in sporting achievements, with more than 80 per cent of its students choosing to participate in district sports. These achievements include:

- winning the District athletics championships in 1994, 1997, 2004, 2007, 2010 and 2011.
- winning the District "A" Schools and being crowned overall champions of the District Cross Country championships between 2004 and 2007, and runners up in 2008 and 2009.
- winning both the boys' and girls' District cricket championships in 2008 for the 14th year in succession.
- winning the title of Overall Champions at the District Ball Games Carnival in 2010, and
- winning the Senior Boys basketball title at the Ipswich Force Invitation basketball tournament in 2008, and coming second in the Brisbane Basketball Association tournament in 2006.

Collingwood Park State School also has a strong emphasis on its Languages Other Than English (LOTE) program, specialising in German, for students in Years 3 to 7. The Goethe Verse Speaking Team has won the Top School Shield in 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2009.