

MIRRABOOKA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL — HARMONY WEEK

Statement by Member for Yokine

MR R.C. KUCERA (Yokine) [12.53 pm]: I inform the house that I had the great pleasure of attending a Harmony Week assembly at Mirrabooka Senior High School on Monday morning. Through the hard work of a dedicated upper school students group, the “Booka Mob”, the Mirrabooka community is being treated to a week full of colour, tastes and sounds from around the world. The week kicked off with a flag parade by students who attend that school and who represent 58 countries, guest speakers, a belly dance display—not from me—and a moving welcome to this country by Noel Nannup, who provided the students with this pearl of wisdom: “If it is to be, it is up to me.” The week’s activities included African bands playing at lunchtimes, stalls showcasing services available to students, cultural dances, anti-violence and theatre workshops, a soccer match and panel discussions. The week concludes today with a multicultural food festival which is open to all members of the community.

The “Booka Mob” organising committee included, Terese Micallef, Jamail Kur, Joshua Mwambazi, Karolina Gorsevski, Acacia Collard, Sarah Eccles, Shayne Moore, Ayan Addi, Ayan Addullahi, Jenny Tu, Kadija Al Rowaihi, and Noura Alwan. Assistance was provided by the school chaplain Geoff Bice; the manager of student services, Aeio Bev Slater; the school officer, Greg Gibbs; and Sandra Hunt. I commend the great principal, Armando Giglia, the “Booka Mob” and everyone who was involved in it. It made me very proud to be an Australian.