

HIGH WYCOMBE PRIMARY SCHOOL — ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Statement by Member for Forrestfield

MR N.W. MORTON (Forrestfield) [12.52 pm]: On Friday, 2 September 2016, I attended the High Wycombe Primary School athletics carnival. Being a former deputy principal at a high school, I always envied the athletics carnivals put on by primary schools due to the great parent involvement they could leverage. High Wycombe Primary School was no different. There was a great turnout from parents, grandparents, family and friends and students all participated in a great carnival, and the wet weather held off for the day. The P&C used the day to fundraise, with the president of the P&C, Mrs Sandra Devine, spearheading the fundraising throughout the carnival. Sandra and her team should be congratulated on their efforts of raising \$1 000 on the day. It was a pleasure to join local pharmacist Steve Lewis, who is also a school council member, in presenting prizes on behalf of the P&C. Furthermore, as a school council representative, I and other council members were invited by school principal Rick Walters to present champion boy and girl awards for various year groups. Congratulations to all the winners and runners-up on a great result, and of course to all students who participated in the events throughout the carnival.

While I am talking about High Wycombe Primary School, I also welcome the announcement by the Minister for Education today that, as of 2017, it will join the ranks of independent public schools. Having been on the school council for several years now, I know this has been an ambition for the school—one it has now achieved—and I wish it every success in implementing its new IPS status next year. I also make an extra special mention of Rick Walters and Sandra Devine who did the presentation on behalf of the school community, and obviously did a sterling job.