

BELRIDGE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, ROCK EISTEDDFORD

Statement by Member for Joondalup

MR A.P. O'GORMAN (Joondalup) [12.58 pm]: I take this opportunity to congratulate Belridge Senior High School which, just before the holidays, won the Western Australian finals of the Rock Eisteddford. The participants are now on their way to the eastern States to compete. It is a great feat for these students and it is a credit to the school under the leadership of the principal, Nick Jakowyna. It is an example of the innovative programs that are continually being brought forward through this school. The school provides programs for students at risk and is very successful in engaging these young students. I have been asked to attend a meal at the school on 6 November to launch a new program in which these young people will embark upon a business-type venture, which is really unusual for kids from this school. I congratulate the school for its win at the Rock Eisteddford.

Recently, the YMCA Youth Parliament was held at Parliament House and in my electorate I held a debate amongst the schools to select a candidate to represent Joondalup. The successful candidate this year was a student from Belridge Senior High School, Shannon Fleming. She was so successful and participated so well at Youth Parliament that she has been asked to represent Perth in the National Youth Parliament in Canberra in November.

I congratulate Belridge Senior High School on bringing forward some very innovative programs and for promoting its students as absolutely brilliant people in the community. I cannot commend this school highly enough because it is in a particularly low socioeconomic area and it provides excellent services.