

**KALAMUNDA MUSIC ACADEMY**

*Statement by Member for Forrestfield*

**MR N.W. MORTON (Forrestfield)** [12.55 pm]: In June 2016, I attended and opened the Kalamunda Music Academy's end-of-semester concert. Having toured the academy last year, I was excited to hear the students perform in concert, and I have to say that I was not let down; in fact, I was blown away. The skill on display from the students was quite amazing and they, as well as their families, should take pride in their achievements. There are certainly a few potential career musicians in the group. All the students will walk away with a lifelong appreciation, understanding and love of music—something I am sure they will learn to treasure.

Kalamunda Music Academy is a specialist music school located in Forrestfield and hosted by Forrestfield Primary School. As the only music school in the Kalamunda region, its focus is on providing holistic music education to children and adults of all ages. I also note that it has now included a music enrichment program for students with special needs, which is a great initiative and proves that music is for everyone. Apart from being a locally run music school servicing the Kalamunda region, all the academy's teachers hold tertiary qualifications in music, education or related fields. Collectively, they have immense experience teaching and performing in a range of mediums, delivering programs with the highest professionalism, and supporting students' learning with proven effective educational processes. Kalamunda Music Academy is not just a place of learning; it is a community of like-minded young people, and older people, developing musicians. Daryl Eagle and his team should be commended for giving people in our community a chance to learn to play music through their extensive experience as educators and performers. I wish them every success for the rest of the year, especially their holiday programs, which are always very popular.