

**ASHDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE — OPENING**

*Statement by Member for West Swan*

**MS R. SAFFIOTI (West Swan)** [12.58 pm]: Last Wednesday I had the privilege of attending the official opening of Ashdale Secondary College. The college is just outside my electorate. However, eventually it will take a high number of Landsdale students from my electorate of West Swan. The official opening was a fantastic event, and I congratulate the college for putting together such an entertaining and memorable official opening. The Scitech team amused us with a science presentation, and Ahmad Hourani and Taylah Lewis took us through their journey from primary school to the new Ashdale Secondary College.

Special mention must also go to the choir. Combining students from Landsdale and Ashdale Primary Schools, the talented choir put on a terrific performance. The college opened in February to 143 year 8 students on a temporary site at the new Madeley Primary School. When the college was completed, students moved into the new buildings in July. The college's state-of-the-art facilities and buildings are a sight to see, making the college one of the best in Australia. In particular, the incorporation of information technology into the everyday schooling is something that I believe other schools will follow. I congratulate the principal, Carol Strauss, and her staff on the amazing job they have done in getting the school up and running. The \$34 million Ashdale Secondary College is another fantastic achievement of the Gallop and Carpenter Labor governments. I want to recognise the previous Premiers and the previous Ministers for Education, and, in particular, the former member for Wanneroo, Ms Dianne Guise, for her efforts in getting that college up and running.

*Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm*