

BALLAJURA COMMUNITY COLLEGE — YEAR 12 GRADUATION CEREMONY

Statement by Member for West Swan

MS R. SAFFIOTI (West Swan) [12.55 pm]: On Tuesday night I had the privilege of attending the year 12 graduation ceremony of the Ballajura Community College. It was a fantastic evening, and I congratulate the college for putting together a wonderful event. More than 200 students graduated this year from the college. It achieved 100 per cent graduation success for the fourth year in a row.

I congratulate the principal, Dr Steffan Silcox, and all the vice-principals and teachers for creating such excellent outcomes. I also congratulate the school council, the P&C, the families and the wider community for contributing to the success of the school. Of course, I also congratulate the students, who looked fabulous that evening and worked hard throughout their years of schooling to achieve their goals.

During the evening we were all impressed with the musical talent on show. Vincent Douglas, one of the year 12 students, composed and sang a brilliant song about the students' journey ahead. Another group comprising Amy Lee, Emma Beswick, Shayna Campione, Jessica Stout, Natassia Shirazee and Stacey-Mae Prokopyszyn also gave a wonderful performance. I congratulate all the winners of awards. I make special mention of Megan Flower, who won the Swan Award of Academic Excellence, and Bowen Tan, who was named dux of the school. I also mention Nicholas Gabriel, a highly talented athlete who won the sports star of the year award.

To the class of 2008 I say, as I said on Tuesday night, "Go forward, enjoy—embrace the future and give it your 100 per cent." Also, happy twenty-first birthday to Daniel Pastorelli, the research officer in my office.