

BALLAJURA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Statement by Member for West Swan

MS R. SAFFIOTI (West Swan) [12.53 pm]: I congratulate the Ballajura Community College for its production of *Grease* the musical. I attended the production on Saturday night and thoroughly enjoyed the show. I congratulate all those involved. The students showed great talent, and it also showed the level of hard work and commitment of the students. The students give up a lot of their own time to perform in these musicals, and they did an excellent job.

I especially make mention of the director, Michele Zorbas, who was well thanked by the students—she is obviously a very good director—and the musical director, Nicolie Hatch. I make special mention of some of the key actors. Sandy D. was played by Ruby May and the Danny Zuko character was played by Vincent Douglas, who is an excellent musician and singer. I make special mention also of Guiseppe Zampogna, who played Kenickie. He was a great character and very entertaining to watch. And I make special mention of Dr Steffan Silcox, the principal, who supports his students in their efforts in so many ways.

The performance was held at the Astor Theatre in Mt Lawley, and while it is a beautiful theatre, it has raised again the fact that Ballajura Community College does not have its own performance auditorium. The college is requesting funding for a performing arts auditorium, and I am keen to support this request. This will allow the college to both hold performances in its own venue and provide a great community facility.