

**COTTESLOE PRIMARY SCHOOL — 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

*Statement by Member for Cottesloe*

**DR D.J. HONEY (Cottesloe — Leader of the Liberal Party)** [12.50 pm]: This Saturday evening, Cottesloe Primary School is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary by holding a gala fair featuring a student-made art installation and a customised drone show. I must say that the art installation is a truly impressive achievement that features a large flock of 1 000 origami seagulls that have been created by the students in conjunction with artist Melanie Gray. The flock is being installed in the trees at the front of the school as we speak, and I am sure it will make for a stunning entrance feature. Each student has also had the opportunity to make a seagull to contribute to the installation and will be asked to make a wish for their Cottesloe community. I could not think of a better way for the school to celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary than to showcase the students' innovative and clever designs for the local community to see firsthand.

Cottesloe Primary School opened its doors on 1 October 1896, with an enrolment of 30 children, and not even 20 years later, by 1915, the school had grown to almost 500 students. The school has been built on the strong traditions of the local area and is committed to offering all students pathways to future success through a quality and innovative education program. I thank Principal Graham Dart and the school staff for the outstanding work they do, and I congratulate the school on its numerous successes over the past 125 years and wish it all the best for the next 125 years and beyond.