



Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament of Queensland

Media Statement

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GOLD COAST YOUTH PARLIAMENT PARTICIPANTS CONGRATULATED

Students from across the Gold Coast region participated in the Gold Coast Youth Parliament which was held at Southport today. The Deputy Speaker of the Queensland Parliament, Ms Grace Grace MP, officially opened proceedings of the youth parliament this morning and then chaired its first and closing sessions.

Ms Grace MP congratulated all of the students and schools that participated in the Gold Coast Youth Parliament, saying that the event provided all with a valuable experience of how Queensland's democratic processes work in their lives.

"On behalf of the Speaker and the Parliament, I thank the youth members from across the Gold Coast and hinterland regions for all of their hard work in preparing for this event and for having their say on the issues that matter to them.

"It has been a great privilege to preside over and observe this Gold Coast Youth Parliament and I hope that the students participating today will be inspired by this Youth Parliament and take on an even greater role in Queensland's democratic process," Ms Grace said.

Today's event at the Sharks Event Centre at Southport saw 97 students from 22 Gold Coast and hinterland schools participating as Youth Members. In addition, there were approximately 100 students, teachers and parents in attendance observing the event.

Ms Grace said that the Youth Parliamentarians debated two motions, the first on the introduction of healthy eating measures in schools and the second on education and employment opportunities for students. Students then had the opportunity to speak on matters of importance to them and their community.

"The Youth Members did a wonderful job, speaking from the heart and raising many important issues that face young people from across the Gold Coast and the hinterland," Ms Grace said.

"I, and my fellow Members of Parliament who helped chair today's debate, were most impressed by the standard of speeches and the passion shown."

The participating schools were: Biggera Waters State School; Cedar Creek State School; Gleneagle State School; Guardian Angels Primary School; Hills International College; King's Christian College; Livingstone Christian College; Miami State School; Mudgeeraba Creek State School; Mudgeeraba State School; Nerang State School; Palm Beach State School; Silkwood School; Somerset College; Southport State School; St Bernard State School; St Brigid's Primary School; St Hilda's School; Surfers Paradise State School; Tamborine Mountain College; Trinity Lutheran College and; Woodhill State School.

The Queensland Parliament organizes and facilitates youth parliament events across Queensland each year.

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