

**DUNCRAIG SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

*Statement by Member for Hillarys*

**MR P.A. KATSAMBANIS (Hillarys)** [12.50 pm]: Established in 1979, Duncraig Senior High School is a flagship public school in Perth's northern suburbs. Over the past 40 years, the school has developed a strong reputation, having recently cemented its place in the top 10 non-selective public schools for academic achievement. The school catchment area includes students living in my electorate in the suburbs of Padbury and Hillarys. Local students and parents tell me that they love the education and the choices that the school provides. But like many schools built in that era, the school's facilities are ageing and growing tired. These buildings need upgrading or replacing. Duncraig Senior High School is also facing severe enrolment pressures. Over the past five years, Duncraig has grown from 1 311 students in 2016 to 1 640 students this year. Projected future enrolments suggest that this popular school will reach over 1 900 enrolments over the next few years. With enrolments well beyond the original build capacity, Duncraig needs a long-term solution. Patch-ups and demountable buildings will no longer do. The school community is unified in calling on the Western Australian government to prioritise funding for new facilities at this school.

Along with the member for Carine, I will continue to fight for the families in my electorate who have children enrolled at this school. Planning and funding for new facilities are urgently required so that the school can continue to meet the needs of local families in a modern learning environment.

I urge the government to do the right thing and look after the students and staff of Duncraig Senior High School by providing them with the high-quality school buildings and resources that they need and deserve.