

ELLENBROOK SECONDARY COLLEGE

Statement by Member for Swan Hills

MS J.J. SHAW (Swan Hills) [12.54 pm]: I would like to draw the Parliament's attention to Ellenbrook Secondary College's amazing recent achievement of being placed second in the choir division of the ASPIRE International Youth Music Festival, held on the Gold Coast. It was a massive achievement just to get into the finals. Entry into ASPIRE's choir division was by audition only, and a mere five schools made the cut. Of the 11 schools across all competition divisions, ESC can be especially proud, being the only public school in the competition and the sole representative for Western Australia.

At the festival, the students debuted the beautiful piece *Nintirritj aku Nahnampah Noo rah-koo* (*Nintirrizyaku Nganampa Ngurraku*), composed by Ashlee Clapp and sung in seven Aboriginal languages. With the recent celebration of NAIDOC Week, and 2019 being the International Year of Indigenous Languages, it is wonderful that ESC showcased Indigenous languages within Australia and to the world.

I would like to congratulate Stuart Rhine-Davis and Warren Bracken for their passion and dedication to the choir. I would particularly like to acknowledge the hard work and sheer talent of the students. I unfortunately do not have time today to name all 35 of them.

As a member of the college board, I have the great privilege to hear many performances by ESC's specialist music program. We have a lot to be proud of in Ellenbrook, and we should really celebrate it. Congratulations, Ellenbrook Secondary College.