

KENSINGTON SECONDARY SCHOOL — CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE AWARD

Statement by Member for Victoria Park

MS H.M. BEAZLEY (Victoria Park — Parliamentary Secretary) [12.56 pm]: I rise to speak about a wonderful school in my electorate, Kensington Secondary School, and its recent success at the annual Containers for Change change-maker awards. Kensington Secondary is the only standalone education support secondary school in the state, catering for a wide range of students with varying levels of disability and education needs, often very complex. Each time I have visited Kensington Secondary, I have had the pleasure of witnessing the personalised, committed and caring focus on each student by each staff member.

Kensington Secondary's career and education department is dedicated to securing meaningful employment for students. I acknowledge Mandy Rye-Her, the Work Ready program coordinator at Kensington Secondary who is in the gallery today. Containers for Change has been fully integrated into the school's Work Ready program. The team uses Containers for Change to teach students about business, maths, independence, teamwork, community partnerships and the environment, while also helping with sensory needs and lowering levels of stress and anxiety. The school has an inclusive Containers for Change area that is accessible to all, including wheelchair users.

Kensington Secondary's embracing of Containers for Change has changed and enhanced the lives of its students and of the school. Since 2020, the school-wide effort has seen a whopping 88 000 containers recycled. At this year's change-maker awards, amongst tough competition and with hundreds present in celebration, Kensington Secondary School won school of the year and also took out the top prize of Change Maker of the Year. My sincere congratulations to the team and students at Kensington Secondary School. I encourage you to continue your fantastic work.