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The member for Bentleigh asked me to come down to the opening of the science and technology wing at Brighton Secondary College. Members might ask why the member for Bentleigh raised this issue when the college is in Brighton, but it is important to note that Brighton Secondary College has a wide catchment area. Many of its students come from the Bentleigh area and it caters very well for them. Brighton Secondary College has a wonderful name. Julie Podbury is the principal. She does a great job and has a great reputation as an educational leader in her own right. Parent engagement at that school is quite remarkable. The school offers students a very broad curriculum; it is a very popular school. As part of our funding commitment, we provided funds for that science and technology wing. Science is an important part of the school's curriculum and the no. 1 priority for the school. The school has spent a lot of its own money and worked hard to provide a great facility. It was great to give the school a boost with funding for the science and technology wing. I look forward to taking up the opportunity of visiting the school and officiating at the opening with the member for Bentleigh and of course the member for Brighton.