

Loganlea SHS - 90 seconds (240 words)

Deputy-Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one of the many outstanding schools in my electorate of Forde, the Loganlea State High School.

The school was recently announced as a co-winner of the 'Outdoor Education Award' in the annual 'Outdoors Queensland Awards.'

The 'Outdoor Education Award' is for: 'the school... that deliver(s) outdoor education programs in outdoor adventurous settings, and significantly influence(s) a participant's physical ability, mental health and ability to thrive.'

Deputy-Speaker, I am regular visitor to the Loganlea State High School campus, and I can attest to the quality of the outdoor education program.

The school is situated on a beautiful parcel of land bordering the Logan River, providing ample opportunities for the students to enjoy a bush setting hidden in what is essentially suburbia.

They have undertaken regeneration programs, planting trees along the boundaries of the property, and witnessed first-hand the damaging effects of flooding during this year's disaster.

Fortunately, through my office, the school received \$7,000 as part of the Jubilee Tree Program to replace many of the trees lost to the floods.

There was also a further \$10,000, from the Stronger Communities Fund, allocated to the P & C to refurbish the existing greenhouses, as part of the mini-farm program.

Deputy-Speaker, this 'Outdoor Education Award' recognises that Loganlea State High School has one of the best outdoor education programs in Queensland.

Congratulations to everyone involved, particularly Nathan Watts, the Outdoor Education Coordinator. I hope this wonderful program continues to deliver major benefits for many years to come.