

Marsden SHS – School of the Year Speech (90 secs)

Speaker, I rise today to bring to your attention to the outstanding performance of a government school in my electorate of Forde.

I wish to express my congratulations to the teachers, support staff, students, and parents of Marsden State High School, which walked away with top honours at the 2022 Australian Education Awards.

Marsden SHS was named Secondary School of the Year and Best Professional Learning Development Program. Alison Fahlbusch was also awarded Principal of the Year at the awards ceremony in Sydney early in August.

It is the third year running the school has taken out the top gong for Principal of the Year, with Kylie Steinhardt winning in 2021 and executive principal Andrew Peach winning in 2020. Marsden SHS, Australia's largest school with more than 3,600 students, has now taken home the title of Secondary School of the Year twice in the past three years.

These awards are recognition of the hard work and dedication of the entire school community and their commitment to striving for excellence and should be a source of great pride for the school and the entire Logan region.

Marsden has also been able to strike a balance as an academic and sporting powerhouse with NRL legend Cameron Smith and cross-code footballer Israel Folau among its former students.

On behalf of all the constituents of Forde, I say once again, well done to everyone at Marsden State High School for your ongoing success and national recognition of a job well done.