

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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THE HILLS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Mr RAY WILLIAMS (Castle Hill—Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services) (16:55): I had the great honour of recently attending The Hills Leadership Program, a program created by Emma Vumbaca, a teacher at Castle Hill Public School, to guide newly elected school leaders. The aim of the program is to provide year 5 students with an opportunity to learn what being a leader is all about. Year 5 students at Samuel Gilbert Public School participated in the program and invited year 9 and 10 Student Representative Council students from Castle Hill High School to act as leaders and mentors for the younger students. I was thoroughly impressed by the program. I believe it is a concept that could be duplicated by schools across the State. My congratulations go to Emma Vumbaca on her fantastic initiative and to the many principals of the schools which embraced this idea. I particularly thank the many students who participated with interest and enthusiasm and who were completely engaged throughout the day. There are no greater role models in leadership than the many teachers and principals in my electorate of Castle Hill. I applaud each and every one of them for the wonderful education they provide to our students.