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Congratulations to students

As the end of the school year draws closer, I would like to offer my congratulations to all graduating students, as well as a sincere thankyou to our teachers and school administration staff.

This time of year is especially busy for schools and I am always pleased to attend as many school graduation ceremonies as possible.

A huge amount of effort goes into the celebrations to offer students a memorable experience.

I offer to the graduating Year 12s, my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes as you move from secondary schooling onto the next exciting chapter of your lives.

Best wishes also to all our graduating Year 7s and I look forward to meeting many of you as I attend further graduation ceremonies over the next two weeks.

And to our teachers and school support staff – thank you. I am sure it is absolutely exhausting and no doubt you will be looking forward to the holidays as much as the students!

School moving ahead

Still on the topic of schools, yesterday I was proud to officially open Newton Moore Senior High School's new library.

The library is part of an overall \$13.2million upgrade funded by the State Government, which also included a new cafeteria, new classroom block and refurbishments to facilities.

The new facilities have been in use for over two years but have not yet had the formal recognition which they, and the school, deserve.

The upgrades have given the school an improved appearance which is more fitting of the high outcomes being achieved.

Newton Moore is a specialist science school and its teachers have won numerous awards in the field.

This week, Sharon Attree was named one of 10 winners of the WA Beginning Teacher award, for teachers in the first three years of their career.

I commend her on her award, which is yet another illustration of the high level of professionalism at our local public schools.

Community spirit in city

On Saturday I was very pleased to attend the Des Ugle Park Christmas Party held in Withers.

There was a good crowd and festive atmosphere and my congratulations go to Ron Fitch and the organising committee for this event.

It offers residents from the surrounding area a great way to get to know each other and build a stronger local community while sharing the spirit and generosity of Christmas.

I also attended the Mayor's Garden Party on Saturday and I always enjoy the opportunity to speak with so many of our city's hard-working volunteers who help make the Bunbury community the wonderful place it is.