



Heather Butler, MP

Member for Lyons

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Cressy District High School Leading the Way

Labor Member for Lyons Heather Butler today paid tribute to the Cressy District High School which continues to be a leading light in the Beacon Foundation's Australia-wide No Dole program.

Ms Butler said Cressy District High was showing the way for schools around the nation who are involved in the program.

"Last year it was judged the number one No Dole school in Australia and this year was recognised as having the most innovative program," Ms Butler said.

"This is an outstanding achievement and is a credit to the school community and students involved."

Ms Butler said Cressy District High had a 100 per cent success rate over the past two years with students either going on to further education, full time employment or training.

"The challenge for the 30 grade 10 students from Cressy who signed up to the No Dole program today is to maintain that perfect record."

Ms Butler said the Tasmanian Labor Government's commitment to education and maintaining a strong economy was central to decreasing youth unemployment.

"Tasmania's unemployment rate overall has fallen to a record low and the number of people in employment which now stands at 233,300 is also at a record high.

"Government strongly focussed on providing better opportunities for young people which includes the challenge of reducing youth unemployment," Ms Butler said.