

Speech by Mayor Logan K. Howlett JP
North Lake Senior Campus Intensive English Centre Annual Event
28 November 2025

Thank you and good morning everyone.

I am delighted to be here today with my wife Patricia to share in the excitement of the North Lake Senior Campus Intensive English Centre Annual Event.

I too would like to acknowledge the Whadjuk people of the Nyungar Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters where we gather, and I pay respects to Elders past and present, and extend that respect to any First Nations people with us today.

I would also like to acknowledge:

- Our MCs today Menna, Wael and Lian
- Principal, Gary Anderson; and representatives from
- Communicare
- Lifeskills
- Inspire Me
- Multicultural Services Centre
- Multicultural Futures
- Reclink Australia and
- Health in Kind.

It's a privilege to join you today for this very special occasion — the annual celebration of achievement at the Intensive English Centre here at North Lake Senior Campus. This ceremony has been a proud tradition for nearly 20 years, and it continues to remind us of the incredible journeys undertaken by each of you.

To the students: today is about recognising your hard work, determination, and resilience.

Learning a new language is never easy, and yet you have embraced the challenge with courage and commitment.

By completing your time in the Intensive English Centre, you have gained the skills and confidence needed to transition into Year 11 and beyond.

This is a remarkable milestone, and you should be very proud.

This diversity is our strength — and it's something we celebrate.

But a truly inclusive community doesn't just happen on its own.

It is built by people: by students like you, by families who support you, and by educators who guide you.

Together, you help create a city where everyone belongs and everyone has the opportunity to succeed.

As you move forward into Year 11, I encourage you to keep embracing new opportunities, keep learning, and keep sharing your unique stories.

They enrich our collective communities and we do.

Congratulations to each of you, and thank you to the families, teachers, and staff who have supported these students along the way.

Your efforts make a lasting difference.

It is now my great honour to present the awards.

Thank you.