



## Sid Sidebottom MP ... for a fair go in Braddon

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### Gillard sure to inspire young in North West

A VISIT by the Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard to Penguin today was sure to inspire young women from the region said the Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom MP.

Mr Sidebottom joined with Penguin High principal Trudy Pearce to host a leadership forum with Ms Gillard, and give young women a chance to meet the Deputy Prime Minister.

Female student leaders from all primary, high and senior colleges in Braddon had been invited to the forum.

“Julia Gillard is Australia’s first female Deputy Prime Minister and is very much a role model for many women and I was keen for female students in my local schools to have the opportunity to more directly meet and talk with Julia,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“While many will never aspire to enter politics they have their dreams and hopes and I know Julia would like to share hers with them and them with her.

“I was very pleased that so many schools were only too happy to have representatives there to meet with Ms Gillard and they have come from all parts of the region and from primary, secondary and senior secondary schools, public and independent.

“Clearly Julia is someone that inspires and I’m sure she will be inspired by the people she meets today.”

He said Ms Gillard was given a great reception by Penguin High and that Trudy Pearce and her staff and students had gone out of their way to welcome Ms Gillard and show her what a great school they were a part of.

Mr Sidebottom said the visit also provided a great chance for Ms Gillard to see the wonderful work being undertaken by Penguin Primary to improve its school and the community involvement in the school.

“Jim Rudling and his team at Penguin Primary have some great plans for making the school a real focus of the community and I was keen to show this to the Minister,” he said.

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