The headworks construction for the two new $48 million Palmerston schools will begin shortly, after a $3.2 million tender was awarded to BMD Constructions today.

Infrastructure Minister Delia Lawrie said the Territory Government will deliver new primary and middle schools in Rosebery, part of the long-term education plan for the fast growing Palmerston population.

“We’re investing in the future of Palmerston with two new schools to deliver top class education facilities,” Ms Lawrie said.

“The Territory Government is delivering $48 million for the two new schools that will be open in 2011.

“There will be capacity for 600 primary and 850 middle school students at the Rosebery schools.

“We’re spending more money in education than ever before to deliver better learning outcomes to all Territory kids – and this includes better school infrastructure.

“Palmerston already is a great place to live, work and raise a family and the Territory Government is building the infrastructure and facilities to make it even better.

“Major projects underway include the $110 million Tiger Brennan Drive extension, the development of Bellamack, and a new hotel site will soon be auctioned.

“We’re making more facilities for families including a new water park and a major sporting complex for the future.

In addition to the Rosebery schools headworks tender, design work for the schools is already underway.

The tender to build the new Rosebery primary and middle schools will be called for by the end of the year.

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