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Arafura Games More Than Sport

Students from Top End schools are participating in an exciting program that allows them to be apart of the Arafura Games without even competing.

Member for Fannie Bay Michael Gunner today visited Darwin High School students who have been busy learning about their adopted country China.

The Arafura Games Adopt a Country program involves students studying units of work about their adopted country and painting a banner depicting the fauna and flora of their country.

“This exciting program lets Top End school students learn about a country in the run up to the Games, and then during the Games they can back their adopted country,” said Mr Gunner.

“Artist Janie Andrews has been working with the 25 Top End schools involved and assisting with the creation of welcome banners.

“These banners will be carried in front of each team by school representatives in the athletes march past at the Arafura Games Opening Ceremony on May 9th.

“The Arafura Games are a highlight on the Territory sporting calendar and have earned their reputation as the friendly games because of the legacy they leave beyond sport.

“It’s great to see the bonds that are forged by students learning about and then supporting visiting countries.

The banners will be on display at the Marrara Indoor Stadium during the Arafura Games (9-17 May) and then returned to schools for future display.

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