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Crocwise Curriculum to Reach All Top End Schools

Education Minister Chris Burns today joined year 1 students from Stuart Park Primary School to learn some important lessons in crocodile safety, as they launched the ‘Be Crocwise’ Teaching and Learning Resource Kit.

“Top End kids are lucky to grow up in a magnificent natural environment, but this habitat also poses the serious danger of saltwater crocodiles,” Mr Burns said.

“The NT Government’s ‘Be Crocwise’ program has so far educated more than 10,000 of our schoolkids in the dangers of these giant reptiles and today I am pleased to launch the ‘Be Crocwise’ Teaching and Learning Resource Kit, which will be made available to all schools in the Top End in Term 4.

“The kit provides a broad range of curriculum linked activities for early, primary and middle years including anatomy, breeding, food webs, habitats and more.

“As well as being an important public safety tool, it’s a fascinating insight into the lives of these ancient predators”.

Mr Burns encouraged schools to book one of the assembly presentations being offered by the Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport (NRETAS), or head to the Territory Wildlife Park who will be holding ‘Be Crocwise’ talks throughout Term 4.

“As well as learning, kids can have fun at the Territory Wildlife Park helping papier mache an 11.5m crocodile model nicknamed ‘Big Kev’.”

“We want schools to bring in old newspapers, especially those with croc stories, to build ‘Big Kev’ into a 3D message board about croc safety.”

“As we approach the wet season, this is a key time to reinforce to kids that no waterway is 100% safe in areas where saltwater crocodiles live, so we must always ‘Be Crocwise’.

To book an excursion or find out more about ‘Be Crocwise’ events at the Territory Wildlife Park visit www.territorywildlifepark.com.au.

To book an assembly presentation or obtain school resource kits for your school call 8999 8865 (Darwin) or 8999 4565 (Katherine) or visit www.nt.gov.au/becrocwise

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