School Principals meet in Alice Springs to focus on 2011

Principals from Central Australian government schools are meeting in Alice Springs today to work towards improving results for students in 2011.

Minister for Education and Training, Chris Burns, said the principals will be working with the Department of Education and Training (DET) staff to look at how to get the best outcomes from the strategies and programs in place.

“Our principals know their schools better than anyone else, and we will be working with them to ensure we have the best plans in place to help out students achieve,” Dr Burns said.

“The focus of the meeting will be improving literacy and numeracy, attendance and overall performance of their schools.

“We will use their best ideas and feedback for the 2011 school year and will be listening to their feedback on where improvements can be made.”

Principals will also see a presentation from Professor Geoff Masters from the Australia Council of Education Research (ACER) who will be working with DET on delivering improved literacy and numeracy results.

“Professor Masters and ACER bring more knowledge to the Territory on how to drive improvements in literacy and numeracy,” Dr Burns said.

“Queensland, who ACER recently worked with, achieved significant improvements in National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy and we want to see similar success here in the Territory.”

New Parliamentary Secretary for Education and Training Lynne Walker will also be attending the meeting in Alice Springs.

“Lynne’s focus will be helping more students enter pathways into jobs after school, and she will be working with principals and schools to achieve this,” Dr Burns said.

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