$8.5M for new Trade Training Centres

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New trade training centres will be built in Gunbalaynya, Jabiru and Groote Eylandt helping local students gain skills to get jobs.

Parliamentary Secretary for Education and Training, Lynne Walker, welcomed the $8.5 million investment from the Australian Government.

“We want to see more students from remote areas finishing school and getting jobs in their local communities,” Ms Walker said.

“Trade Training Centres give students practical training and real pathways into jobs while they are at school.

“At Groote Eylandt $5.5 million will be invested at Angurugu, Alyangula Area and Umbakumba Schools to establish the Anindilywaka Trade Centre.

“Students will be able to undertake training in construction, kitchen operations, automotive and engineering.

“The West Arnhem College Trade Training Centre will be established at Jabiru Area and Gunbalanya School with almost $3 million in funding - training in engineering areas will be available for students.

“We have significant mining operations in these areas and Trade Training Centres give local students a clear pathway into trades careers and jobs.

“To help kids get the most out of their education is not only about going to school every day, it’s also about what they get out of it.

“These new Trade Training Centres will create some terrific opportunities for students to gain practical job skills while continuing their education,” Ms Walker said.

Trade Training Centres facilities have also been built at Tennant Creek High School, Kormilda College, Our Lady of Sacred Heart Wadeye and Marrara Christian College. Construction is due to start shortly at Ngkurr School and Darwin High School. Construction is underway at Xavier Education Centre in Ngulu.

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