Member for Karama Delia Lawrie today inspected on-going works at Malak Preschool as part of a 2008 election commitment to invest $246 million to upgrade school infrastructure across the Territory.

Works to upgrade playground equipment for the Territory’s youngest students at Malak includes new swings, sand pits, bike paths, a cubby house, an elevated platform, landscaping and the installation of a shade structure.

Minister Lawrie said the $246 million committed by the Territory and Australian Governments provided $300 000 to 74 primary and large group schools across the Territory.

“Works at most schools have been completed and students are enjoying brand new school facilities, such as redeveloped libraries, freshly painted classrooms and buildings.

“Some schools have used their funds to convert of demountables to after-school care facilities and like Malak Preschool, upgrade their preschools and playgrounds.

“To ensure the least disruption, while students are enjoying their holidays, work is continuing to provide a first-class education for Territory students.

“Education is the key priority of the Henderson Government and we have invested in eight new schools since coming to government, including Darwin Middle School, Rosebery Primary and Middle schools and the new Nemarluk Special School at Alawa, as part of our $30 million to upgrade special school facilities.

“Students at Casuarina Senior College and Dripstone Middle school have brand new science facilities to help them learn, while Sanderson Middle School has a new amphitheatre and a multi-purpose outdoor learning area.

“These brand-new facilities mean students have access to a wide range of learning opportunities, from their earliest years, right through to senior studies,” Minister Lawrie said.

Local contractor Scott Hammet Building and Carpentry have employed six builders to undertake the works, which are expected to be completed by Term 4, 2012.

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