Kids hit classrooms for 2016

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Today 33,000 government school students are heading back to the classroom for another successful year, as well as 125 new teachers commencing right across the NT with remote students returning on Wednesday 27.

Minister for Education Peter Chandler said he is thrilled to see so many Territory kids excited to head back to school and wishes each and everyone all the best for a successful year.

“The 2016 school year starts with strong continued growth in achievements and innovation, led by record number of NTCET completers in 2015 and the implementation of the new Education Act,” Mr Chandler said.

“From today schools are provided with greater flexibility, more autonomy and a strong contemporary legislation framework.

“Initatives such as the Lajamanu School flexible school year will launch on Wednesday, aimed at boosting attendance and engagement.

“Seven more Territory Government Schools will be given a greater say in how they are run when they become Independent Public School taking the total to 13 across the Territory.”

On a visit to Stuart Park Primary School today Minister Chandler noted the primary school is entering its 50th year of operation with record enrolments.

Enrolments have increased at Stuart Park Primary School with 500 enrolments for 2016 compared to 480 in 2015 and 440 in 2014.

Stuart Park Primary School will start the year with 95 Transition students across 4 classes. This is the school’s largest Transition enrolment to date.

“Parents are encouraged to access their $150 Back to School payment, which provides financial assistance to parents and guardians of children enrolled in a NT school or registered for home-schooling.” Mr Chandler said.

“As students return to school it also is a timely reminder to all road users to slow down in school zones and drive to the conditions.
“I wish all students the very best for a successful 2016 and thank all our hard working teachers for all they do to help create a job ready generation.”

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