Additional funding to support increased enrolments

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Country Liberals Budget 2016 has committed $7.18 million to fund additional 2016 enrolments in Northern Territory government schools. This funding has been included in schools’ 2016 budgets.

Education Minister Peter Chandler said “This announcement is part of a consistent and strategic approach to education.

“The increase in student enrolments highlights the growing confidence of Territorians in the government school education system.”

This reflects the continued investment by the Country Liberals Government in improving the government school education system in the Northern Territory, including:

- Investing in early years education
- Transforming Indigenous education
- Expanding our special needs facilities
- Investing in school infrastructure
- 13 schools operating as Independent Public Schools

In 2015, the Northern Territory Government introduced global school budgets into all Northern Territory government schools. At that time, it was made clear that if a school has an increase in student enrolment and attendance, it would attract a corresponding increase in funding.

Minister Chandler said “Global school budgets provide schools with greater flexibility and autonomy in decision making, and visibility of the overall resources available to the school.

“Northern Territory government schools continue to receive the highest funding per student nationally. The 2016 Report on Government Services shows that the Northern Territory had the highest government recurrent expenditure per full-time equivalent government school student in Australia ($23 578) in 2013-14, spending 45 per cent more than the national average ($16 177).

“The Country Liberals Government recognises that our children are our future and we are all about creating jobs, community, and prosperity for the Territory,” Mr Chandler said.

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