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YUENDUMU TRADE TRAINING CENTRE OPENS UP NEW PATHWAYS

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A new trade training centre officially opened today at the remote community of Yuendumu, 250km north west of Alice Springs.

Education Minister Eva Lawler said the trade training centre at Yuendumu School offers vocational education training (VET) to senior students and community members.

There are 16 school students currently engaged in the initial subject delivery, Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation.

“Next year students at the school and the Yuendumu community will also benefit from automotive, construction and manufacturing programs,” Ms Lawler said.

“Having a trade training centre like this at Yuendumu provides great opportunities for senior secondary students to study vocational education and gain practical experience in a variety of industries. Importantly, VET studies also allow students to achieve their Year 12 Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training.”

Community elders will also be leading traditional programs such as bush medicine and the use of traditional tools. Other organisations will also provide non-accredited life skills. Some programs at the training centre will be taught in both Warlpiri and English. The new facility has been named “Yurrampi,” which means honey ants.

The Australian Government provided the funding to convert an existing building at Yuendumu School in a trade training facility. The Northern Territory Government will operate the new facility.

“It’s vitally important students in our remote regions are offered pathways like vocational education and training to allow them to develop the skills needed to prepare them for work-readiness,” Ms Lawler said.

There are already remote trade training centres are currently in Tennant Creek, Ngukurr, Maningrida, Borroloola, Ntaria, Gunbalanya, Nhulunbuy, Jabiru, Milingimbi and Lajamanu and Galiwin’ku (Shepherdson College).

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