New Laptops Arrive For Teachers

About 2500 teachers across the Northern Territory are set to receive new computers in coming weeks as the Northern Territory Government continues to roll out its 'laptops for teachers' program.

Education Minister Paul Henderson said the Government had committed $1.7 million in Budget 2007 to expand the program.

"The Northern Territory has the most supportive laptop policy for teachers in Australia, and under the expanded scheme the Government will allocate the laptops directly to teachers, instead of to schools as was previously the case," Mr Henderson said.

"That means that NT Government principals, assistant principals and teachers with a class teaching load of more than 50 per cent will receive the laptops for use within the classroom and outside hours - and will take their laptop with them even when they move schools or enter approved study leave."

Mr Henderson said the supply of laptops would benefit students in the classroom.

"Online learning is becoming a daily part of classroom leaning and by giving teachers direct access to computers they will be able to boost their own IT skills and offer improved support for their students," said Mr Henderson.

"The NT Government knows how important the work is that teachers do, and this move to supply laptops directly to teachers acknowledges their valuable role in delivering brighter futures for Territory students."

The Government has committed $5 million over four years to deliver the 'laptops for teachers' program.

Eligible teachers will receive their laptops before the mid-year school break.

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