BACK-TO-SCHOOL PAYMENT FOR TERRITORY FAMILIES

Schools across the Territory will start to receive the $50 School Payment vouchers next week so they can be distributed to the parents and guardians of students at the start of Term 1.

Chief Minister Clare Martin said the scheme has been established to help families offset the cost of textbooks, stationery, school uniforms, and other essential school items.

“The Government has been able to deliver on its election promise to give the parents of school students a helping hand because the budget has been kept on track,” Ms Martin said.

“Parents or guardians of Territory students from Transition to Year 12 will receive one $50 voucher per student.

“Educating students and providing them with the necessary schooling tools is an expensive business for parents.

“The Back-to-School payment voucher will alleviate some of the financial burden,” Ms Martin said.

The vouchers are redeemable for essential school items from the school that issued the vouchers.

Schools will distribute the vouchers to the parents and guardians of students enrolled at their school early in Term 1.

It will be up to the schools whether the voucher is mailed or collected at the school by parents or guardians.

The introduction of this scheme fulfils a $2 million election commitment.

It’s another way that Government is working to build Territory education and support local families.

For further information parents are encouraged to contact their school directly, or visit www.deet.nt.gov.au

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