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CROC FEST SUCCESS SHOWS UP NT GOVERNMENT

“At least one Territory school is enjoying the opportunities of participating in the Croc Festival,” says Loraine Braham, Independent Member for Braitling.

“What a slap in the face for this Labor Government that Orwaitilla School at Canteen Creek had to rely on Federal funding to get them to Kempsey to perform.”

Mrs Braham said the students had participated in the last two festivals in Alice Springs but were devastated to learn it was cancelled this year due to lack of support from the NT Government.

“They won an award last year and it inspired them to practise hard for this year’s event.”

“So not only were the students stunned and disappointed, their parents were as well.”

“Happily, a request for a travel grant through the Federal Intervention Team proved successful.”

“Twenty students from this community school are now achieving what surely must be the aim of all schools – confidence, participation, a reason for learning, and the right attitude towards staying at school.”

“Is the NT Government really sincere in its approach to Indigenous education?”

“How many other schools were left in the lurch by a government that cannot see the benefits of the Croc Festival?”

“The Minister for Education should apologise to schools that missed out, swallow his pride, and commit to next year’s festival.”

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