$50 Vouchers Coincide with Start of Compulsory Uniforms

Parents of students this year will again be able to use the Northern Territory Government’s $50 voucher towards the cost of expenses such as school uniforms, to ease the cost of getting ready for school.

Acting Chief Minister and Education Minister, Marion Scrymgour, said the voucher scheme would help parents with the cost of going back to school including school uniforms, which would be compulsory for students in Transition to Year 9 in Government schools.

“The introduction of compulsory uniforms this year will also help parents keep costs down by taking away the pressure to buy and wear the latest brands and fashions,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“The Territory Government’s voucher scheme delivers on an election commitment and helps parents at a time of year when they have additional costs such as books, clothes and stationery.”

“We want to make sure the Territory is the best place to bring up a family.”

Ms Scrymgour was speaking at Wanguri Primary school, where she met students ahead of Term 1 which starts in the last week of January.

Schools across the Territory will receive the Government’s Back to School Payment vouchers during this month, before the start of Term 1.

Parents of students from Year 1 to Year 12, and first term enrolled Transition students, will receive one $50 voucher per student, regardless of whether they attend a government or private school. Transition students enrolled in later terms, up to Term 3, will receive vouchers then.

Parents can get more information about the voucher system through their school after January 21, or the Education Department’s website at: www.deet.nt.gov.au/education/programs_initiatives/back_to_school_payment/
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