Malak Primary School’s Cool Assembly Area

Going to school is set to become even cooler for hundreds of Malak Primary School students with work underway on a $1 million project to improve the school’s assembly area.

Infrastructure Minister Delia Lawrie visited the school today to inspect the works that will convert the assembly area into a climate controlled environment.

“The Henderson Government continues to build better schools so that Territory children can maximise their learning opportunities,” Ms Lawrie said.

“School assembly areas play an important role for students, teachers and parents – which is why we are converting this important space into a climate controlled environment.

“I congratulate local company Nightcliff Builders on being awarded the $1 million tender that will create more than 50 Territory jobs.

“The innovative design uses a combination of louvres and mechanical ventilation to provide a hybrid cooling system.

“This design approach offers the advantages of lower running costs and smaller environmental impact, combined with the ability to quickly adjust comfort levels appropriate to the conditions.

“The assembly area will also feature upgraded stage and house lighting and integrated data projection.

“These works are in addition to the Rudd Government’s $42 billion stimulus package which includes up to $3 million for a major new asset at each Primary School and up to $200,000 for repairs and upgrades to every school in the Territory.

“On top of the Rudd Government’s stimulus package - that we are working hard to implement as quickly as possible - the Territory Government has a record school infrastructure budget during this term of Government of $246 million.”

Malak Primary is one of six urban primary schools to receive $9.5 million in Northern Territory Government infrastructure upgrades this year.

The Malak Primary project follows on from similar recently completed works at Millner Primary.

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