Excellence in Training

A Darwin High School and four apprentices and trainees will represent the Northern Territory at the annual Australian Training Awards in Canberra tonight.

The Territory Training Minister Paul Henderson said the awards recognise excellence in local vocational education and training (VET).

“The VET sector plays an integral role in skilling and training our workforce,” he said.

“The Northern Territory Government recognises that a skilled workforce is essential to maintaining economic and social growth in the Territory.

“That’s why we have enhanced the NT Certificate of Education to recognise training subjects.

“It’s also why we have set ourselves a second target of 10,000 apprentices and trainees in four years. We are well on the way to meet this target, with the commencement of 2045 apprentices since January this year.

“I wish all the apprentices, trainees and organisations good luck for tonight’s awards.”

Taminmin High School is a finalist in the VET in Schools Excellence Award category for its remote training program.

Also representing the Northern Territory tonight:

- Helicopter pilot Richard Baker who is a finalist in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year category. Richard has completed a Certificate IV in Transport and Distribution (Aviation Flight Operations/Helicopter) and works for Airborne Solutions.

- NT Vocational Student of the Year Samantha Ziegler who works for YBE(2) and has completed a Certificate III in Business.

- Alice Spring carpenter Ray Brown who works for his uncle, Patrick Brown, and is representing the NT after winning the Austin Asche Apprentice of the Year award.

- NT Trainee of the Year Heath Wheeler who works for Genesee Wyoming Australia and has completed a Certificate IV in Transport and Logistics (Rail Operations).

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