Planning the Future for Territory Students

Northern Territory high school students are better able to map out their futures with the graduation of more than 75 newly qualified career advisors over the past year.

The Education Minister Paul Henderson said the career advisors now have a Certificate IV in Career Development and work in schools and non-government organisations across the Territory.

“In the Northern Territory we want all kids to be in school, at training or have a job,” he said.

“Students with no idea of what they want to do beyond Year 10 are receiving more structure, more guidance and more options to become work ready.

“Career advisors are a key part of the Territory Government’s moves to get students to earn or learn. Legislation will be debated in Parliament next week to make it compulsory for students up to 17 to stay at school, get a job or enter into training.

“To further support our students this year we introduced Personal Learning Plans for Year 10 students to help plan their futures.

“Career advisors are working with students to develop individual and tailored Personal Learning Plans. They look at subjects to study in Years 11 and 12, courses available outside of school, possible career choices, ideas about community service and how to prepare for individual career options and other goals.

“Personal Learning Plans are the first stage of the new Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training introduced this year.

“The centrepiece of our Smart Territory strategy is getting more students to complete Year 12, get the marks to enter university or get an apprenticeship or further training.

“The school approach builds on the Territory Government’s target of 10,000 apprentice commencements in four years.

“Since January, we have signed up 2045 apprentices, putting us well on our way to our target.

“These initiatives will keep down our youth unemployment rate, and contribute to our strong economy and great lifestyle.”

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