Schools Hip Hop With Artists

The Northern Territory Government is fostering the creative talent of young Territorians by investing $50,000 in the Artists in Schools program.

Arts Minister Gerry McCarthy today met with students at Alice Springs High who are learning the art of dance through the Artists in Schools program.

“Artists in Schools is a fantastic program which brings artists from the community into our schools to foster the artistic talent and expression of young Territorians,” said Mr McCarthy.

“This year 17 schools have participated in the program with a range of artists receiving funding to deliver programs to students.

“Many of the projects undertaken by students are now on display across the Territory including a series of murals created by schools in the Arnhem region and a weaving project undertaken by Alice Springs High school students.

“Other student projects include writing workshops, Japanese woodblock and sculpture.

“There have also been several dance programs run by artists across the Territory including the one at Alice Springs High where the workshops resulted in one group of students performing at the Northern Territory Schools Concert.

“The Northern Territory Government is committed to fostering artistic expression and developing our arts industry.

“The Artists in Schools program is a great way for young Territorians to explore the arts and incorporate arts into their everyday lives.”

The Artists in Schools program is a partnership between The Territory Government and the Australia Council for the Arts.

Kathy Keele, Chief Executive Officer of the Australia Council for the Arts said there are many benefits of the initiative

“Australian artists have a great capacity to inspire and nurture creativity in young people, and also build in them an appreciation for our arts which can only enrich their lives ahead,” said Ms Keele.