Vouchers Help Families Start the 2010 School Year

Northern Territory school students will get a $75 Back to School voucher as part of the Henderson Government’s commitment to help families meet the costs that come with the start of the school year.

Acting Education Minister, Delia Lawrie, said this is the second year every student has had access to the $75 voucher since the Territory Government increased it from $50 in 2009.

“We want all Territory students to have the best possible start to their new year at school, and these vouchers help ease the financial pressure on families by covering essential education items,” Ms Lawrie said.

“The vouchers cover important school items including stationery, uniforms and books, which can all add up.

“Every Territory student in primary, middle and secondary schools, in both government and non-government schools are entitled to the voucher,” Ms Lawrie said.

Each school will make arrangements for issuing the vouchers to parents or guardians – the vouchers will either be sent by post or the parent/guardian will need to collect them from the school.

Transition students enrolled in later terms this year, up to term 2, are also entitled to the Back to School vouchers and will received them when they start school.

The vouchers are only redeemable at the school that they are issued from and families have until September to use them.

“The Territory Government is delivering the Smart Territory strategy and is committed to delivering better education outcomes for all local students,” Ms Lawrie said.

“School starts next Wednesday and it is important that all students are prepared, and I encourage families to take advantage of the $75 Back to School voucher.”

For more information on the vouchers, parents and carers should contact their student’s school or visit www.det.nt.gov.au/grants/funding/general/back-to-school-payment-scheme

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