A Smart Territory: More Upgrades for Barkly Schools

Students and families in the Barkly will benefit from upgrades to build better schools in the Budget.

Minister for Education and Training, Dr Chris Burns, said Budget 2010 will deliver funding for more Barkly schools.

“Education is a top priority of the Henderson Government and we are delivering infrastructure, staffing and learning programs to benefit students,” Dr Burns said.

“Budget 2010 delivers now for families in the Barkly with record spending on education and to boost school facilities.

“The Henderson Government is delivering $246 million for school infrastructure over four years across the Territory.

“Budget 2010 will include $21.4 million to bring the total teachers under the four year 200 Extra Teachers for Remote Areas initiative funded by the Australian Government to 170.

“Our Smart Territory strategy is in place to ensure students have more teachers and facilities to boost education outcomes,” Dr Burns said.

Member for Barkly, Gerry McCarthy, said the upgrades would ensure schools and students in the Barkly had access to better facilities.

“The Territory Government is committed to helping students in the Barkly achieve at school and is delivering better infrastructure to do this,” Mr McCarthy said.

“Budget 2010 will deliver $500,000 for Elliott School to provide better learning facilities to support improved education outcomes.

“Tennant Creek Primary School and Canteen Creek School will each receive $300,000 to upgrade school learning areas.”

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