A Smart Territory: More Upgrades for Central Australian Schools

The Henderson Government is delivering upgrades to build better schools in remote Central Australia.

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

“Education is a top priority of the Henderson Government and it is important we ensure school children have access to the best teachers and facilities to learn,” Dr Burns said.

“Budget 2010 delivers now for Territory families with record spending on education to boost schools facilities.

“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.”

Dr Burns said the improvements are part of the Territory Government’s Smart Territory strategy to help students achieve good learning outcomes at school.

Minister for Central Australia, Karl Hampton, said the upgrades would ensure schools and students in remote areas had access to better facilities.

“The Henderson Government is committed to helping students in Central Australia achieve at school and is delivering better infrastructure to do this,” Mr Hampton said.

“The Ntaria School will receive a $1.25 million upgrade to provide outdoor learning environments for preschool, primary and secondary students as well as upgrading the old preschool to become an innovative arts and science centre.

“Budget 2010 provides $17.6 million for four Child and Family Centres including one at Yuendumu to provide families with access to parenting and family support programs.”

The Yuendumu Centre will provide a multipurpose space for family and community activities.

The Child and Family Centres being built in Territory Growth Towns are part of the Working Future policy. They will provide the early support for families that greatly increases children’s successful transition to school and education.

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