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No School, No Service for Katherine

Katherine businesses have signed up to the No School, No Service initiative to help boost school attendance.

Minister for Education and Training, Chris Burns, said the program in Katherine starts next week.

Businesses that participate agree not to serve students when they should be at school unless they are accompanied by a responsible adult or have an official school leave pass.

“Children need to go to school every day to help them get the best possible education,” Dr Burns said.

“In Katherine, 48 local businesses have signed up to support this school attendance initiative so far.

“I’ll be writing to businesses that have not joined to the program to encourage them to sign up.

“Starting in Term 3, the participating local businesses will not serve students when they should be at school.

“We are targeting school attendance across the Territory and it is important to have the support of parents, students and the broader community.

“I thank the many participants from the Katherine business community who have thrown their support behind this initiative.

“The Territory Government is committed to delivering the programs and support mechanisms to boost school attendance.

“In Katherine the Clontarf Football Academy and the Girls Academy have been established to get more students attending school regularly,” Dr Burns said.

The No School, No Service initiative is already in place in Alice Springs.

For more information on this program or how to get involved, call the Department of Education and Training on (08) 8999 3553.

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