Students Battle it out in the Tournament of Minds

Territory students from five schools will be competing at the Australasian Pacific Final of the Tournament of Minds in Darwin over the weekend.

Minister for Education and Training, Chris Burns, wished the 550 plus students, support staff and parents well who are visiting Darwin for the event at the opening ceremony today.

“Tournament of Minds is a fun and challenging competition for our students in primary and middle schools to test academic knowledge and their collaborative skills” Dr Burns said.

“I wish our local Territory teams the best of luck over the weekend competition against students from Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong”

“The Northern Territory will be represented by students from Leanyer, Wanguri and Essington Primary Schools, and Dripstone Middle School and Good Shepherd College.

“To get to the Australasian Pacific Finals teams need to have won their state or territory final, so all the finalists have achieved outstanding results already.

“I’m sure it will be a closely contested competition and I am sure the competitors, their parents and Tournament of Minds volunteers enjoy their stay in Darwin,” Dr Burns said.

Students will compete in one of four areas; Applied Technology, Language Literature, Maths Engineering or Social Sciences.

It has been eight years since the Territory last hosted the Tournament of Minds national final.

The opening ceremony will take place at the Darwin Convention Centre today with the challenge day taking place on Saturday. The winners will be awarded in a ceremony at the Darwin High School Tank on Saturday evening at 6.45pm.

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