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Back to School Payment for all NT Students

Families will again receive $75 from the Territory Government to help prepare them for the 2011 school year.

Acting Chief Minister, Delia Lawrie, said families will have more choice this year on what they can use the Back to School payment for.

“This is the third year the Henderson Government has provided a $75 Back to School payment for NT students,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Around 47,000 Territory students will receive the Back to School payment assistance to help them get ready for the 2011 school year.

“This year all preschool students will also be eligible for the payment and it will now be extended to also cover school excursions and travel costs associated with school.

“We know the cost of getting uniforms and equipment for school can really add up for families.

“The $75 helps cover the cost of essential school items like uniforms, books and stationery.

“All Territory students in preschool, primary, middle and secondary schools, in both government and non-government schools are entitled to the $75 payment.

“School is back in next week so now is the time for families to get ready and take advantage of the $75 Back to School payment,” Ms Lawrie said.

A letter and $75 payment forms are being sent to parents and carers. This is replacing the voucher that used to be given to parents and carers who will now present the form to their school when they wish to claim their entitlement.

For more information on the $75 Back to School Payment Scheme, parents and carers should contact their school or visit www.det.nt.gov.au/grants/funding/general/back-to-school-payment-scheme

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