New Nemarluk School to be Built

The Territory Government today announced that a new Nemarluk School will be built at the Alawa Primary School site.

Minister for Education and Training Dr Chris Burns said this will deliver better facilities in Darwin for primary aged students with special needs.

“The Territory Government is building a new custom designed Nemarluk School so students have access to better facilities and more opportunities in their education,” Dr Burns said.

“The new Nemarluk School will be built on land next to the Alawa Primary School and is aiming to be open for the 2012 school year.

“The current Ludmilla site is ageing and requires significant upgrading to meet the needs of the students and staff at the school.

“After consulting with the Nemarluk School staff and their council, we have decided to build the new school.

“The new school will include 14 classrooms, a hydro-therapy pool, a multipurpose assembly and gymnasium, after-school hours care building and administration facilities,” Dr Burns said.

Dr Burns also said the Territory Government is committed to delivering improved facilities for special needs students.

“The Henderson Government’s $30 million commitment to upgrading special schools is delivering better facilities and is helping special needs students across the Territory,” Dr Burns said.

“Of this $30 million Nemarluk was allocated $4.5 million and an additional $5.3 million has been funded through the Department of Education and Training resources.

“The new Nemarluk School will give students and staff access to the latest facilities and technology.

“Special needs students in Palmerston will also benefit in the future from a new primary school planned to be built in Bellamack.”
Minister for Children and Families and Member for Casuarina Kon Vatskalis welcomed the new Nermaluk School being built in Alawa.

“This is a terrific project that will benefit children with disabilities and help their learning at school,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“I thank the hard working staff and parents from Nemarluk School for their input and advice on this new project.

“The staff and school community from Alawa Primary School must also be congratulated for their work to help make this new school a reality.”

A public meeting to outline the plans and timelines for the new Nemarluk School will be held at Alawa School staffroom on Tuesday 22 February at 6pm.

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