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Chief Minister’s Bombing of Darwin Award

Students from Palmerston Senior College have won the 2011 Chief Minister’s Bombing of Darwin Award.

Chief Minister Paul Henderson congratulated the students today and awarded their school $1000 and a plaque for their winning history project.

“This award is one way we are ensuring today’s young Territorians learn about the sacrifices made in Bombing of Darwin,” Mr Henderson said.

“This is the second year this schools competition has been run and this year’s winning entry was an interactive website on this historical event.

“Congratulations to Emily Ball, Hayley Chamberlain, Jane Roberts, Madelaine Thomas and Geraldine Cusher from Palmerston Senior College on winning the award.

“This is the second year students from Palmerston Senior College have won this research award, and I congratulate the teachers involved as well.
“The Territory Government wants all students from around the nation to learn about the Bombing of Darwin, and that’s why we are glad to see there it is a component of the national curriculum which begins in 2013.”

Mr Henderson encouraged Territorians to attend the Bombing of Darwin commemorations tomorrow.

“Due to Cyclone Carlos, the Bombing of Darwin ceremony will now be held at Darwin Entertainment Centre starting at 9:30am,” Mr Henderson said.

“Teaching today’s young Territorians about this dark day in our history is important to ensure the next generation never forgets this significant event.”

The Bombing of Darwin was the first time mainland Australia came under attack by the Japanese during the Second World War.

The two air raids killed at least 243 people and injured between 300 - 400 people, and left severe damage to Darwin.

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