Education programs begin at new Alice Springs Juvenile Centre

Inmates at the new Alice Springs Juvenile Detention Centre have commenced their education programs, Minister for Correctional Services, Gerry McCarthy said today.

Minister McCarthy today toured the new Juvenile Detention Centre which opened this week as part of the Territory Government’s package of measures to reduce crime in Alice Springs.

“We want to help young Territorians who have lost their way get back on the straight and narrow – the first 8 inmates at the Alice Springs Juvenile Detention Centre have now commenced education programs as part of their rehabilitation,” Mr McCarthy said.

“The new Juvenile Detention Centre is part of our plan to help tackle crime in Alice Springs and help rehabilitate young Territorians as soon as they come into contact with the justice system.

Territory Government justice and police initiatives to make Alice Springs streets safer include:

- The establishment of new juvenile detention facility for Alice Springs
- Introducing a new offence for breach of bail
- A review of the Youth Justice Act
- Return to Country Blitz for Back to School
- Targeted Police Patrols
- Commencement of the new Patrol Coordinator
- Juvenile Safe Houses
- Expanded juvenile Alcohol and Other Drugs Facility

“The Centre has been created to provide an education space and classroom as part of the juvenile rehabilitation programs,” Minister McCarthy said.

“The Centre will be staffed by fully trained corrective services professionals including staff with specialised skills dealing with young people.

“The new facility has a capacity for 24 juveniles and builds on our existing 38 bed Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre in Darwin.”

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