Tender awarded to build new Nemarluk School

Construction of the new Nemarluk School will soon begin after an $11.37 million tender was awarded for the design and construction of the facility.

Education Minister Dr Chris Burns said local company PTM had won the tender.

The new school will provide a significant upgrade to existing facilities for students with special needs and disabilities will be built on land next to Alawa Primary School.

“The Territory Government is committed to providing the best education opportunities for all Territory children, including special needs students," said Dr Burns.

“The existing facilities at Ludmilla no longer meet the needs of the students and teachers at Nemarluk School, significant upgrades are necessary and the best solution is a new purpose built facility.

“A concept plan of the new school is being finalised after working closely with input from the Nemarluk school council and staff, we have also consulted with the Alawa school council, staff and local residents to finalise the plan.

“PTM, will use the concept plan as a basis to design and construct the new school which will also include 14 classrooms, a hydro-therapy pool, gymnasium, after-school care and administration facilities.

“The $11.37m tender includes GST and design costs and PTM will aim to complete construction and have the school ready for operation at the beginning of the 2012 school year.

“There is no doubt staff at special schools across the Territory do a fantastic job teaching students under often difficult circumstances.

“The Territory Government is committed to supporting them in this important work by investing $30 million to upgrade special schools across the Territory, this will give students and staff access to the latest facilities and technology and provide better education opportunities.”

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