Building Better Schools, Creating Better Futures

The $270 million Building the Education Revolution (BER) is delivering new classrooms and improved learning facilities at every school in the Territory.

Speaking today at Larrakeyah Primary School, Chief Minister Paul Henderson said that education is the number one priority of the Territory Government.

“The Territory and Australian Government are building better schools to support better learning for all Territorians.

“So far 185 schools across the Territory have benefited from Building the Education Revolution, with another 13 major BER projects close to completion.

Minister for Education and Training Chris Burns said if the CLP had their way, none of these important learning facilities would exist because they don’t support the BER.

“Without the BER, many schools would have missed out on new classrooms, libraries, science and language centres, school halls, outdoor learning areas and other major improvements.

“School Councils must also be congratulated for their work on the BER which has been a real success in the Territory.

Additionally, the Territory Government has delivered eight new schools, and infrastructure to support early learning in remote communities – in some cases for the first time ever, and in other communities, kids are able to complete Year 12 in their own communities for the first time.

The Chief Minister said that students who go to school every day get a great education in the Territory.

“We know that Territory Schools are just as good as schools in other parts of the country. If parents send their kids to school every day, their child will be set up for the best possible future.

The Territory government is investing more on Education than ever before – a record $930 million in 2011-2012.

“This government is committed to providing a quality education for each and every child in the Territory, and beyond that, to the communities who support them.”

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