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New $5 million state-of-the-art school science labs open to students

Chief Minister Paul Henderson and Minister for Education Chris Burns today opened the $5 million new and upgraded Science labs at Casuarina Senior College, providing more than 780 students with a state-of-the-art specialised science education facility.

Chief Minister Henderson said the new $5 million facility is part of the Territory 2030 objective to develop a world-class education system.

“The Territory Government is investing more in science and education than ever before to provide our students with the best opportunities for the future,” Henderson said.

“Education is at the heart of the 2030 plan and this new $5 million state-of-the-art facility along with our other Centres for Excellence are key parts of our objective to develop a world-class education system.

“Our kids have more education options here in the Territory than ever before and I’m thrilled to know that students who study here have gone on to medicine at CDU.

"We know that when kids go to school every day in the Territory, they get a fantastic education."

The $5 million upgrade includes:
- Three new Science Labs
- Upgrades to existing Science Labs
- A new open Learning area; and

"The new Centre for Excellence in Health Sciences opened at Casuarina Senior College in 2011 and we are already seeing great results, including increased participation in national science competitions and strong partnerships with the Territory’s higher education and research sectors,” Minister for Education and Training, Chris Burns said.

"There are now around 200 students across the Territory participating in Centres for Excellence at selected schools this year, getting a first class education here in the Territory," Minister Burns said.

The Casuarina Senior College Science Upgrade project was designed and constructed locally by architects Bennett Design and contractors PTM Constructions and supported 189 local jobs.

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