MINISTER VISITS EDUCATION RE-ENGAGEMENT FACILITIES IN QLD

Education and Training Minister Chris Burns will today visit education re-engagement facilities in Queensland, ahead of the establishment of a student Re-engagement Centre in Darwin.

The Minister will visit the Albert Park Flexible Learning Centre in Brisbane to see firsthand the flexi-school model and its potential to re-engage students who display extreme behaviours.

Dr Burns said the Flexible Learning Centre is one model of student re-engagement which is seeing results.

“The Centre aims to re-engage students who have become disenfranchised from education and society.

“When mainstream schooling methods don’t work for some students who display extreme behaviours, we need to look at other schooling models.

“Re-engagement centres were part of a number of recommendations made in the recently released Review into Extreme Student Behaviour by the Department of Education and Training, and we have accepted that recommendation.

“We are currently consulting closely with the community and looking at a number of appropriate sites with a view to having a Re-engagement Centre established in Darwin by Semester Two this year,” Dr Burns said.

In Brisbane, Dr Burns will also visit schools to discuss literacy and numeracy outcomes, infrastructure upgrades for schools and a framework for the introduction of Teaching and Learning Audits.

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