$11.9 million new Nemarluk School set to open

Finishing touches are being made to the new $11.9 million Nemarluk School to provide a purpose built, first-class education facility for children with special needs.

Chief Minister Paul Henderson and Member for Casuarina Kon Vatskalis said the school was ready to take students by 16th April and is part of the Territory Government’s record $930 million investment into education and training.

“This is a first class school for our kids who deserve a first class education," Henderson said.

“Education is my Government’s number one priority and we are delivering on it.

“This is part of our $30 million Special Schools Infrastructure Plan now underway to deliver better education facilities for children with special needs.

“These kids face significant physical and developmental challenges every day and it’s important we get the facilities right - that’s why we have invested $11.9 million in this project to provide a first-class purpose-built facility to deliver care and education."

The Member for Casuarina, Kon Vatskalis said the school would quickly become a valued community asset.

“I’m thrilled the local community will also have access to these brand new facilities to use for community events,” Vatskalis said.

“Local company PTM Group should be commended for their work on the project - it was delivered on time and on budget in a short time frame, and employed more than 200 locals."

The $11.9 million upgrade includes:

- 14 new purpose built classrooms
- a hydro-therapy pool to provide exercise and rehabilitation
- multipurpose assembly hall
- a gymnasium
- colour coding throughout the school to make it easy for students to navigate
- after-school care building
- new staffrooms and facilities; and
- newly irrigated oval for community use.

“This upgrade is also about providing the 50 teachers and aid staff the facilities they need to support the excellent work they do for our children with special needs," Henderson said.

“I’m also pleased we were able to relocate facilities from the previous site of the Nemarluk School to ensure the best possible use of taxpayers’ money.

“It is part of our 2030 Strategy targets to build a world class education system and improve access to support for Territorians with a disability.”

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