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2012 Smart Schools Awards Launched

Education and Training Minister Chris Burns today visited Millner Primary School to launch the 2012 Smart Schools Awards.

The awards, which provide a $20 000 prize to winning schools who display excellence in education, are open to all Territory government schools and recognise the achievements of these schools in delivering quality education.

Dr Burns said the awards provided a boost for schools and students to continue their innovative programs.

“Millner Primary School was awarded the 2011 Smart School award for Innovation in Indigenous Education and used the prize to purchase iPads for Transition students” Dr Burns said.

“Transition students will be using their iPads to learn literacy and numeracy skills in a very modern and innovative way, and that is what the Smart Schools Awards are all about.

"I am pleased to launch the Awards, now in their third year, to celebrate excellence in education in Territory government schools.

"The awards cover a range of areas including: Improving Literacy and Numeracy; Improving School Attendance; Innovation in Indigenous Education; Student Inclusion, Well Being and Special Needs; Senior Secondary Outcomes; Community Engagement; Partnering and Early Childhood.”

Dr Burns said the high level of innovation in the delivery of education in Territory government schools is evident through the awards.

Schools wishing to nominate for the Northern Territory Smart Schools Awards should go to www.det.nt.gov.au/events/schoolsawards

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