NAPLAN testing this week in Territory Schools

Education and Training Minister Chris Burns said about 12,800 Territory students will sit the national NAPLAN testing this week, commencing with spelling, grammar and punctuation and writing testing tomorrow.

“It is important that all students get to school this week to sit their tests so that we can continue to track the rate of improvement over time and across year levels,” Dr Burns said.

“We know when kids go to school every day in the Territory, they get a great education and we are seeing incremental improvements in most measures of NAPLAN testing.

“The Henderson Government has invested heavily in education, including new and improved infrastructure, increased teacher numbers, improved retention and professional development, and specific strategies to target attendance, literacy and numeracy.

“Our Every Child Every Day strategy delivers a range of programs from the early years of schooling right through to senior years to make sure our kids have every opportunity to achieve.

“Independent education experts have told us that our schools have solid programs in place to ensure we make the necessary improvements in these areas, and we are committed to seeing strong outcomes.

“We know this will take time, but we have bright students in the Territory, and excellent education facilities.”

Testing will cover writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar, reading and numeracy.

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