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Keep the Territory Moving in the Right Direction

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A Smart Territory

Nothing is more important than giving our children the opportunity to be the best they can possibly be through a quality education.

That’s why education continues to be our government’s number one priority – because a good education is the key to unlocking opportunity, building a great career and making the most of your life.

We also want the education our children receive to be as good, or better, than anywhere in Australia. That’s what Territory families want and it’s what they deserve.

And today – in 2012 – that’s what they have.

We have leveled the playing field – and that means our kids can compete with anyone, anywhere for the world class jobs that are being created here in the Territory right now.

We have made significant progress in recent years but we know there is still a great deal to do.

That’s why we are investing so much in our schools – in new, modern educational facilities, in cutting edge technologies, and, of course, in our teachers.

We have backed these record investments in our schools with record investments in training because we want our kids to have more choices during school and more choices after they leave.

What we have done

The Henderson Team has a proud record of achievement:

- Employed 495 extra teachers
- Established secondary education in remote communities, building secondary facilities in seven communities graduating over 150 young Territorians
• Built nine new schools – including Darwin Middle School, Rosebery Primary and Rosebery Middle School, and remote schools

• Established middle schooling

• Upgraded all 74 government primary schools

• Upgraded all urban middle and secondary schools

• Introduced an infrastructure program for Special Schools

• Put in place our Every Child Every Day attendance strategy

• Established Centres for Excellence across the Territory, providing specialised programs in Science, Maths, Engineering, Health Sciences, the Arts, Solar Energy and Sustainable Futures, and Business and Law

• There are now 13 Clontarf Football Academies for boys, seven Sporting Chance programs and three Engagement Mentoring and Support programs to help engage young Indigenous girls in schooling.

What we will do

• We will double the Back to School Payment to $150, including a $25 Excursion, General Activities and Transport Voucher to assist with the costs of transport for excursions, like swimming lessons.

• We will embrace a new approach to Year 9 education in government schools, with all students participating in our new Life Skills Program.

  The two week program will include practical learning experiences and a focus on personal development. The aim is to motivate and stimulate students at a time when they are most likely to ‘disengage’ from their education. Components include:

  - Basic car maintenance, including how to change a tyre
  - How to prepare nutritionally balanced meals
  - First Aid Training, including water safety
  - Conflict resolution
  - Basic financial skills, including how to open and manage a bank account
• We will continue to upgrade and modernise our schools through our Every School Upgrade program.

- Every public primary school, middle and high school (154 schools in total), will automatically receive an upgrade over 4 years*
- Funding levels will be determined according to Growth Town status, emergent need and student enrolments.
- The program will be funded under a combination of Minor New Works funding and Capital Works Program. Normal repairs and maintenance funding will continue.

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*Schools receiving major capital works during this 3 year period will not require funding under the Every School Upgrade program.
Territory Growth Town Schools.

Territory Growth Town Schools will receive facility upgrades of $250,000 under the Every School Upgrade Program funded through the Minor New Works program.

Large schools identified as requiring significant MNW upgrades.

A number of schools due to age, growing demand in student numbers, or with special programs such as Clontarf will receive facility upgrades of $250,000 under the Every School Upgrade Program funded through the Minor New Works program. These include:

- Nightcliff Middle
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- Sanderson Middle
- Palmerston Senior College
- Moulden Primary
- Bakewell Primary
- Larrakeyah Primary
- Stuart Park Primary
- Tennant Creek High

Capital Grants for Growing Schools

$6.5 million in Capital grants will target schools that are experiencing increased demand due to factors such as emerging new suburbs like Lyons & Muirhead, and increasing population density in inner city areas.

- Dripstone Middle School
- Casuarina Senior College
- Wanguri Primary School
- Nakara Primary School
- Alawa Primary School
- Millner Primary School
- Darwin Middle School
- Yirrkala CEC

Darwin Middle School, one of the fastest growing schools in the Territory and the only Territory middle school without a hall, will receive a modern, $3 million multipurpose hall, designed for multi-use by students from Darwin High and the general community.
Capital Grants for Non-Government Schools

In addition a number of non-Government schools across Darwin will receive one-off grants of $250,000 to upgrade facilities under a $2 million program:

- O'Loughlin Catholic College
- Holy Family Primary School
- Mararra Christian College
- Holy Spirit Primary School
- St Paul’s Primary School
- St Mary’s Primary School
- St John’s College
- St Andrew’s Lutheran School

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