EDUCATION ASSISTANCE DOUBLED
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Territory parents will receive a boost to assist with education costs this year with the Back to School Payment Scheme doubled for every enrolled, school-aged child.

Parents will be able to use $150 for each student to purchase essential items through their child’s school such as uniforms, textbooks, stationery, and camp and excursion costs.

Minister for Education John Elferink said this important increase for each student from $75 to $150 honours our 2012 NT election commitment to assist families in preparing for the start of a new school year.

“Families will be able to redeem $150 of educational items at their child’s school for each student enrolled in preschool, primary, middle and secondary schools, government and non-government schools. Parents can speak to their child’s school about purchasing items,” Mr Elferink said.

“The Mills Government is committed to supporting all Territory families in helping their children get a great education,” Mr Elferink said.

More information about the scheme is available from www.education.nt.gov.au

Territory students attending schools in urban areas began the school year today with those in remote areas returning tomorrow.

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