SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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Minister for Education, John Elferink, awarded scholarships to 36 early childhood educators at a presentation in Darwin today.

“I am proud to be supporting a program that ensures young Territorians have access to quality education from the moment they come into contact with the education system,” Mr Elferink said.

“A child takes a significant step in their life when they first walk through the ‘school’ gates.

“From this day on the Government wants each child to have outstanding educators so Territory children are well prepared for the future.

“Today we have 36 exceptional recipients of scholarships that will support their endeavours to build on their professional qualifications.”

Mr Elferink said the program would lead to more early childhood teachers attaining a four-year university degree with an early childhood specialisation and was part of meeting requirements under the National Quality Framework reforms.

“The recipients will use this assistance to specialise in early childhood teaching.

“While the value of the scholarships varies some of the winners may receive up to $20,000.”

Mr Elferink said recipients of the scholarships came from around the Territory, with most urban areas represented and remote communities, including Wugularr and Kalkaringi.

The scholarship program is coordinated by the Centre for School Leadership Learning and Development based at Charles Darwin University.

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