An expansion of the Palmerston Senior College to further enhance the facilities for students with disabilities who require a high level of support, is set to begin.

The major upgrades of the Palmerston Senior School are currently out for public tender, with works to begin next month.

Minister for Infrastructure Peter Styles said the works were a second stage of the building expansion for children with special needs at the college.

“The Giles government recognises the importance of schooling by investing in educational facilities across the Territory,” Mr Styles said.

“The works comprise of the demolition of existing structures, an extension to a building providing a new general learning area, hygiene room, disabled access ramp, a path and garden shed and associated fence and drainage works.

“The tender will close this month, with works to begin on 14 July and expected to finish in four months.”

Minister for Education Peter Chandler said the upgrade and expansion was vital to further enhance the facilities at the college for students with special education needs residing within the Palmerston and surrounding areas.

“Our government is committed to ensuring all students in the Territory get the best possible education they can and these works will assist students who require a high degree of educational support,” Mr Chandler said.

“This significant facility upgrade will be funded by the Territory Government and highlights our commitment to improving services to residents of Palmerston and the rural area.

“As the Northern Territory is poised to be the driver of development in Northern Australia, it is important that Territory children are at the forefront of opportunities that will be created.”

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