Media Release

Peter Chandler, Member for Brennan
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**Teaching in the Territory Awards 2014**

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The Country Liberals Government continues to support quality educators through the 2014 Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards with nominations opening this week.

These awards were established in 2005 and provide an opportunity for the general public and school communities to recognise the contribution made to quality education in the Territory.

The general public and school communities are encouraged to nominate a Northern Territory Government school teacher, principal or support staff member in one of the following award categories:

- Northern Territory Primary Teacher of the Year
- Northern Territory Secondary Teacher of the Year
- Northern Territory Early Childhood Teacher of the Year
- Northern Territory Principal of the Year
- Northern Territory Award for Excellence in Teaching or Leadership in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education
- Northern Territory Support Staff Member of the Year

Minister for Education Peter Chandler said the award winners are announced at World Teachers’ Day functions across the Territory on 31 October 2014.

“It’s so important that we acknowledge the extraordinary contribution that our teachers make to our community and celebrate those teachers who have raised the bar,” Mr Chandler said.

“Any principal will tell you that teacher quality is essential to establishing and maintaining a good school culture that will foster good student results.
“It is my hope that by awarding quality teachers they become role models in their school and pass on their skills and knowledge to others.

“I look forward having the opportunity to present these awards and personally congratulate the winners.”

The winners of each award category will be announced by the Minister for Education and will receive a cash prize of $1,000.

The public and school community members can nominate staff by completing the nomination form on www.teacherawards.nt.gov.au

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