Peter Chandler, Member for Brennan
Minister for Education

Special World Teachers’ Day for top CDU grads

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The Country Liberals Government is continuing its commitment to building and maintaining a quality education system by growing a local workforce with quality teachers.

To celebrate World Teachers’ Day 2014, Minister for Education Peter Chandler has launched a new initiative to keep quality teachers in the Territory.

From this year forward, the best teaching graduates from Charles Darwin University will be offered permanent employment with the Northern Territory Department of Education.

Minister Chandler said teacher quality is the key to improving student outcomes and this initiative will ensure the Territory’s best and brightest remain here with the security of ongoing employment.

“Attracting teachers to the Territory has always been a challenge, keeping home grown teachers in the Territory has been an even bigger one – this new initiative will go a long way to building and maintaining the quality workforce we need to improve outcomes,” Mr Chandler said.

“These teachers are the cream of the crop and I’m more than happy to be able to offer them ongoing employment to ensure their skills, enthusiasm and abilities are used to educate Territory students.

“By maintaining a focus on employing quality teachers we provide the basis to build upon the strong measures put in place to continue the improvement in our schools.

“Once they graduate, these new teachers will have the opportunity to undertake paid work in the Department of Education over the school holiday period before taking up a position in their new school next year.

“By working in the department over the school holidays, these teachers will be able to learn the role the department plays, understand the relationship with schools and also get across what’s required of them as a teacher.

“I would like to wish these soon-to-be teachers all the best for their long careers in education and expect they will make a huge difference to many lives.”
The last Friday of October each year is World Teachers’ Day and events to show the government’s appreciation for teachers will be held in Darwin, Katherine, Nhulunbuy, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. Minister Chandler will be hosting teachers in Parliament’s Main Hall from 5pm.

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