Country Liberals help ease back to school pressures

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Families across the Territory will be given a helping hand with 2015 school costs, with the Back to School Payment Scheme supporting students from Pre-school to Year 12.

Education Minister Robyn Lambley said the Country Liberals Government remained committed to reducing the cost of living for locals.

“We’re delivering on our promise to relieve cost pressures and I encourage the parents of every eligible student to take advantage of the scheme,” Minister Lambley said.

“Under Labor, students received just $75. I’m proud to be part of a team that doubled that entitlement.”

The $150 entitlement can be used to offset costs on things including:

- Textbooks
- Stationery
- Uniforms and hats
- Book bags
- School camps
- Excursions

The scheme was extremely successful in 2014 with more than 98 per cent of eligible students taking advantage of the $6.7 million funding.

“We’ve made it as easy as possible for parents and guardians to claim the entitlement at both government and non-government schools,” Minister Lambley said.

“But it is important to remember that any claims must be made before the end of term one (April 2) for Transition to Year 12 students.”

Parents and guardians should claim entitlements directly through their school.
For a full calendar of 2015 school term dates go to www.education.nt.gov.au

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