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Double classroom for a growing Henbury School

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The Northern Territory Government will expand the capacity at Henbury School by constructing transportable classrooms to cater for students with high support needs.

Minister for Infrastructure Peter Styles said the tender for the new classroom is now open online. When the new Henbury School is complete, the transportable classroom will be suitable to be relocated to another school.

“By expanding the facilities at Henbury School, the Northern Territory Government is providing temporary relief to accommodate enrolments while a new $30 million dollar special education school is being designed and constructed,” Mr Styles said.

“The Giles Government recognises the importance of schooling by investing in educational facilities across the Territory and this tender is fully funded by the Northern Territory Government.

“I have been advised the building will have two general learning areas with access ramps, verandas, teacher’s prep areas and hygiene rooms, all constructed off site and delivered to Henbury School on completion.

“The works comprise of landscaping, fencing and a driveway, and are expected to begin in January 2015 and anticipated to finish in April 2015.”

Minister for Education Peter Chandler said the new classroom would support Henbury’s growing enrolments which are now nearing 100 students.

“Henbury School is a fantastic institution that has always delivered high-quality education and care to some of the Territory’s most vulnerable children,” Mr Chandler said.

“The school was originally designed for 46 students and enrolment numbers have now hit 93 students. Upgrades and expansions over the years have meant enrolments could grow, however the time has come for a new school that will better meet student needs.
“One of the key focus areas of the new school will be preparing students for life after school, through training and co-ordination with post-school options.”

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