New learning environment for Borroloola School

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Borroloola School expands to offer students a larger learning environment as attendance rises and student engagement increases thanks to the Direct Instruction program.

Minister for Education Peter Chandler today officially opened the $1.2 million upgraded primary and secondary school campuses.

“It is fantastic to see these new built for purpose facilities being enjoyed by both students and teachers,” Mr Chandler said.

“The new library will enable the students to link the traditional library to the digital world and provide new ways to gain information.”

Borroloola School has an extensive attendance plan that focuses on the active engagement of students including Direct Instruction and Visible Learning programs.

“Modifications have been made within the primary school classroom block to provide a customised area for the provision of the Direct Instruction program,” Mr Chandler said.

“A new classroom has been built within the secondary school campus providing increased space for instruction.

“The upgrade of the covered area in the secondary school campus provides an all-weather area for outdoor learning which will assist in improving student wellbeing.”

$1.2 million was committed to the Borroloola School project by the Northern Territory Government to meet the needs of the additional students as part of the Remote Schools Attendance Strategy.

The tender was awarded to Cairns Industries Pty Ltd in March 2015 with the works completed in July 2015.

Cairns Industries Pty Ltd is based in Borroloola and provides building services throughout the South West Gulf Region. The company employs 33 staff with a proportion being local Indigenous community members.

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