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Minister for Education  

Nathan Barrett, Member for Blain  

**Rosebery preschool makes room for 44 new students**  

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Rosebery Preschool has expanded to provide places and learning programs for a further 44 students as the $1.2 million extension is officially opened, doubling its current capacity.

Opening the extension today, Minister for Education Peter Chandler said the $1.2 million investment will ensure the children attending the preschool have the best chance at an early start to a quality education.

“With these new facilities, Rosebery Preschool can now provide early childhood learning for more families in its priority enrolment area,” Mr Chandler said.

“This is a direct response to calls from the community to meet growing demands for place at the preschool.

“Students will benefit greatly from the new classroom with extra storage space for exciting equipment, learning resources and a new planning area for the teachers.”

Rosebery Primary School has grown exponentially since its opening in 2011 and is now catering for over 500 students. the preschool extension will cater for part of this growing demand.

Local Member for Blain, Nathan Barrett was thrilled to see the extension complete and said it will benefit many families in his electorate.

“Palmerston is a growing region and I am proud to be part of a government that caters for Territory families,” Mr Barrett said.

“The preschool has been extended to a double-room preschool which enable four classrooms providing 15 hours of education week to each pre-schooler.

“The Territory Government recognises that investment in early childhood care and education has lasting impacts on literacy, numeracy and other cognitive and behavioural outcomes later in life.”

The $1.2 million investment was fully funded by the Northern Territory Government and was completed by Scott Hammet Building and Carpentry Pty Ltd.  

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