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Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

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New Henbury School on track to open in January 2017

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The new $31.5 million Henbury School for special needs students is an example of the Country Liberals Government’s record infrastructure investment in action, Chief Minister Adam Giles said today.

Visiting the site today to inspect work underway, Mr Giles said the construction of the school was an investment in special needs education across the Territory and was creating local jobs with 420 people working on the project.

“The state of the art, purpose-built special education school will cater for students with special needs and will be fully operational in January 2017, with a gradual transition to the new school facilities from July 2016,” Mr Giles said.

“The new school is being built on the grounds of Dripstone Middle School in Casuarina and will help to meet significant projected enrolment growth for students with special needs in Darwin over the next 10 years.”

Education Minister Peter Chandler said the school was proposed to have 120 places on-site for middle and senior years’ students who meet the criteria for enrolment in special school settings.

“The new school will deliver all stages for special education services – including work transition facilities,” Mr Chandler said.

“Special education schools maximise learning opportunities, with a teaching environment and programs tailored to the safety and amenity of the students. We are doing all we can to help make this generation a job ready generation.”

Mr Giles said the Country Liberals Government’s record infrastructure spend was at work opening up more roads, bridges, schools and health facilities to keep the Territory moving ahead.

“The Northern Territory now has the lowest unemployment in the country, the highest employment participation rate and our economic growth is forecast to outstrip the rest of the nation,” he said.
“Only the Country Liberals have a plan to grow the economy and invest in the infrastructure the Territory needs now and into the future.

“Only the Country Liberals have a plan to create opportunities to deliver more jobs, better services and improve our unique way of life.”

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