New online tool to help school leavers into the workforce

24 November 2015

Job hunting school leavers are being urged to turn to a new Territory Government Vocational Education and Training (VET) website for help.

Minister for Employment and Training Peter Styles said the website will assist school leavers to make the transition into the workplace.

“I urge school leavers to switch on to the Territory Government’s new VET website www.VET.nt.gov.au which has now gone live,” Mr Styles said.

“It is effectively the home page to the wide web of initiatives the Giles Government is putting in place to strengthen vocational education and training across the Territory.

“The site provides a modern, up-to-date, easy-to-navigate tool for not only school leavers looking to enter into VET, but also for current employees hoping to upskill and employers considering undertaking VET programs to build skills within their workplaces.

“The Country Liberals Government understands the importance of supporting our students, not only to assist their personal transition from study to work but also to achieve the wider goal of strengthening the Territory’s skills base.”

Chair of the Northern Territory Employment and Training Advisory Board Andy Bruyn said the website launch is just the first step towards giving young Territorians a signposted career pathway leading to rewarding futures in our workplaces.

“There is a lot of hard work happening behind the scenes to compliment this first step, but accurate and easy to find and understand information about available opportunities is a great beginning,” Mr Bruyn said.

The website launch will be followed by a marketing campaign early next year to increase awareness about Vocational Education and Training and showcase its value to individuals, workplaces and Northern Territory community.

“The Country Liberals Government is investing in the future of Territorians,” Mr Styles said.

“It is part of our commitment to ensuring a prosperous Northern Territory economy for generations to come.”
It comes after the Territory Government announced applications were open for the 2016 Study Grants Program last week which will provide more than 50 students and trainees with over $290,000 in scholarships.

For more information or to apply for a Study Grant visit www.nt.gov.au/trainingprograms.

**Media Contact:** Rebecca Barr: 0407 284 066