New school term and holiday dates from 2018

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From 2018, Northern Territory Government schools will operate with new term dates and holiday breaks aimed at improving school attendance and participation.

Making the announcement today at Bakewell Primary School, Minister for Education Peter Chandler outlined the new five year pattern, that will commence in 2018.

Term 1 will run for 11 weeks followed by one week holiday break;

Term 2 will run for 10 weeks followed by three week holiday break;

Term 3 will run for 10 weeks followed by two week holiday break; and

Term 4 will run for nine weeks followed by six week holiday break

“This decision is a direct result of feedback provided through three rounds of consultation,” Mr Chandler said.

“A comprehensive consultation process was undertaken to ensure that the final decision was well informed by the community.

“Consultation was conducted via online surveys, focus groups and requesting direct feedback from external peak organisational bodies and other government agencies.

“The new pattern reflects evidence-based research that identifies students’ school attendance and participation in learning is generally highest at the start of the year.

“Gunbalanya and Lajamanu Schools will continue to operate under their individual unique school calendars, to suit the context of their respective communities.”

Today also marks the final day of the 2015 school year for urban students and teachers, with remote schools to celebrate their final day of the year this Friday.

Mr Chandler wished everyone a fantastic well-earned break, “please keep safe, enjoy your time with family friends and get prepared for an exciting school year in 2016”.

For more information on the new school term dates and holiday breaks from 2018, visit www.education.nt.gov.au.

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