$10 million for Non-Government schools as part of ‘Boosting our Economy’ package

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Schools in the non-government sector across the Territory will receive $10 million as part of the Boosting Our Economy package.

Minister for Education Peter Chandler said the boost in funding for the non-government schools will see upgrades to facilities and repairs and maintenance brought forward.

“Upgrades, repairs and maintenance for Territory schools are the focus of this package, ensuring the widest possible community benefit from this spending,” Mr Chandler said.

“Parents, children and teachers will benefit from new and improved facilities and our local businesses will benefit from the work this creates.

“The Northern Territory Government will provide a necessary short-term cash injection into our economy where it is needed most, assisting local building trades through the quiet times.”

Mr Chandler said the investment is both needed and wanted by Territory schools to improve the learning environment for students.

“The $10 million of funding provided to non-government schools will see new facilities built, upgrades to existing infrastructure, painting contracts and upgrades to water and mechanical systems brought forward, creating jobs for local businesses now,” he said.

“It is a fantastic initiative and one that will benefit the entire education sector in the Northern Territory.”

Greg O’Mullane, Deputy Director of School Services for Catholic Education NT welcomes the funding, particularly to the Catholic schools across the Territory.

“All of our schools have plans to refurbish and improve their facilities that they would like to progress and a lot of the time the funding is not readily available,” Mr O’Mullane said.

“The Boosting Our Economy package will give schools an opportunity to get these projects on the go immediately and in turn; we will see improved infrastructure and a better operating environment for our students.”
The Minister for Education visited MacKillop College to talk about the works set to occur at this school.

MacKillop College will receive $355,000 for the completion of the second carpark at the front of the school and to contribute to covered walkways between classroom blocks.

“We are ready to commence the works start straight away,” Loretta Graham, Principal, Mackillop College said.

“The two projects are part of our strategic plan and hinge on the safety of our students.”

Details for more of the education projects in Alice Springs, Katherine, Arnhem and Barkly will be released throughout the week.

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