Students, teachers and the wider Wulagi Primary School community will have a new, multipurpose assembly hall after the Minister for Education today delivered the great news of a $1 million dollar investment for the school’s facilities as part of the upcoming Northern Territory Budget 2016-17.

Education Minister Peter Chandler said the funding would allow for a much-needed extension and upgrade to the school’s existing hall facility.

“The upgrade will include a new sports surface, massive indoor fans, a roof top solar array and an upgrade of the stage area,” Mr Chandler said.

“Renewing the existing hall will provide a fresh and comfortable environment for Wulagi students, while reducing energy costs for the school.

“The Country Liberals Government is excited to be able to provide students with improved facilities, where they can participate in active programs, enhancing their development and assisting in increased engagement and participation.”

Member for Sanderson Peter Styles said the planned upgrade was being delivered in consultation with the school as part of its Master Plan and would be welcomed and utilised by the wider Wulagi community.

“The hall is popular for community members to use outside of school hours for extra-curricular activities such as sports and fitness classes,” Mr Styles said.

“Wulagi Primary School fosters a strong community connection, often opening school facilities to community organisations and it also operates a very popular family playgroup incorporating the Families as First Teachers (FaFT) program.

“The school community will also benefit from government’s $2.12 million commitment in the previous budget for works to redevelop the entry, access and teaching and learning spaces at the school.
“The tender for that project closed earlier this week and will now be assessed. An information session will be held in relation to that project later this month to inform the school community of the process and benefits of the upgrades.”

Minister Chandler said the funding is part of the Country Liberals Government’s commitment to ensure every community has access to high quality education facilities and every child has the chance to succeed.

“We believe in having a strong focus on growing and renewing school facilities right across the Territory,” he said.

“The Country Liberals Government is investing in schools to cater for future growth in student numbers and providing students with revitalised learning environments to achieve high quality results.

“We are committed to building the right infrastructure to support students in their education journey now and into the future.”

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