Peter Chandler  
Minister for Education  

**Territory students set sail**  

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Casuarina Senior College has taken their learning to the water, with a 7.6m boat as their newest classroom.  

Minister for Education Peter Chandler said “The Department of Education and the Australian Maritime and Fisheries Academy have designed a program that enables school students to participate in training to obtain maritime qualifications.  

“Casuarina Senior College, Nhulunbuy High School and Milingimbi School are the first schools in the Northern Territory to offer maritime training as part of their vocational education and training program.  

“Students will have the opportunity to complete a recreational boating certificate and then progress to obtain a Certificate II in Maritime.  

“The program will prepare students to enter the workforce through various pathways, whether this is continuing studies at University, through school based apprenticeship options or entering into employment immediately after school.”  

Minister Chandler said the program will provide students with the opportunity to develop the skills that they need to explore further education and employment in maritime industries.  

Each school will deliver a tailored program which reflects the needs of the students and the community.  

Casuarina Senior College’s program will be taught from their 7.6m boat and will focus on a maritime based program for the oil and gas industry.  

In Nhulunbuy, the program will be delivered on two 4.5m boats and one 7.6m boat with the focus on maritime fisheries.  

Milingimbi School has two 4.8m boats that will provide basic maritime training at the school with the option for students to travel to either Nhulunbuy or Casuarina to further their training.  

In Milingimbi and Nhulunbuy, the maritime program will support a range of different pathways into jobs available in the community and beyond.
“This program is the first of its kind in the Northern Territory and forms part of the Department of Education’s Regional and Remote Employment Pathways initiative, providing students with communication, life, wellbeing, employment skills and community engagement opportunities.

“The program will include additional components such as swimming and small motors training.

“It will provide students with invaluable skills for living in a coastal location and it connects them with industry representatives with scope for potential future employment.

“The Country Liberals Government is sharply focused on student outcomes. The program will open the doors for a range of employment pathways such as the fishing and tourism industries, along with opportunities in customs, the navy, and water police.

"The maritime program will also include repairs to marine motors and other boat related trades,” Mr Chandler said.

Paul Mathews, Principal, Casuarina Senior College says “The new maritime program that has commenced at Casuarina Senior College is another example of the focus the College has on providing a wide range of pathways and opportunities for students.

“Students who select and complete the program will develop skills in boat related activities, including shipboard safety, small boat handling qualifications and their Certificate I and Certificate II Coxswain tickets to enable them to become skippers of surveyed vessels and qualified to operate boats for commercial purposes,” Mr Mathews said.

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