Media Release

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Minister for Education

**Taminmin College set to take science to a new level**

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Taminmin College is set to take science to a new level with $10 million to build a new two-storey facility including eight science labs and eight additional classrooms.

Minister for Education Peter Chandler said “We want to ensure that every community has access to high quality education facilities and every child has the chance to succeed.”

The investment comes as an early announcement ahead of the Northern Territory’s 2016-17 Budget.

“The two storey building will include state of the art science equipment and eight additional classrooms, increasing the school’s capacity to cater for 1500 students, accommodating the continued growth in student numbers at Taminmin College.

“This project will not only produce educational benefits, but will also provide local jobs to Territorians and a substantial contribution to the Northern Territory economy,” Mr Chandler said.

Principal of Taminmin College, Miriam McDonald said “The state of the art science equipment and facilities will enable the college to further grow science in the Top End as well as further integrate aquaculture and proposed aquaponics programs, linking to real jobs for Territory students.”

“Taminmin College’s School Council is delighted that the Northern Territory Government is investing in public education, providing greater opportunity for rural students to succeed.” Ms McDonald said.

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

The project aligns with the school’s vision to deliver high quality education to rural students in Years 7-12 and promote high achievement in a safe, disciplined and caring environment.

There has been significant consultation with staff, students, the local community and external stakeholders to develop the Taminmin College master plan.

Construction of this stage of the master plan is expected to be completed early 2018.

“The Northern Territory 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 and outcomes.” Mr Chandler said.

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