A record 83 Indigenous students achieved their NT Certificate of Education this year, Chief Minister and Acting Minister for Employment, Education and Training Clare Martin said today.

Ms Martin said this was an increase of 25 on last year’s figure, continuing the positive trend that has seen the number of Indigenous NTCE recipients more than double in four years.

Amanda Buckland from Casuarina Senior College is the NT’s top Indigenous student, with a subject achievement score of 84.

“This is a fantastic achievement for Amanda. Her strong academic performance is a credit to the dedication and commitment she has invested in her studies,” Ms Martin said.

Meanwhile, four students from Maningrida Community Education Centre have become the first to successfully complete Year 12 in their home community. Year 12 studies were introduced at the school for the first time this year.

The Maningrida students are Thomasina Hayes-Bohme, Jacinta Jinaybaraya Wilson, Jodie Cooper and Isaiah Marndarrach Taylor.

“In addition, two Indigenous students studying with the NT Open Education Centre have also successfully completed their NTCE. They are Wilfred Harris from Emu Point and Damien Guyula from Gapuwiyak CEC,” Ms Martin said

“These students follow in the footsteps of three Kalkaringi students who made history last year by being the first remote Territory students to complete Year 12 in their home community.

“It is fantastic to see such early success out of Government’s efforts to implement and deliver secondary education in remote communities throughout the Territory.”

This year, six Indigenous students shared nine merit awards (20 out of 20 for a particular subject). They are Shannon Allwright and Camille Berto from Katherine High School, Thomasina Hayes and Isaiah Taylor from Maningrida CEC, Cimarra Oates from Darwin High School and Damien Guyula from the NT Open Education Centre.

“What these young Indigenous people have achieved is testament to their hard work and determination to improve their lives.

“It’s also a credit to their teachers, who have worked hard to develop and deliver effective secondary programs to these students and helped them overcome enormous challenges to achieve this success.

“Congratulations to each of these inspiring students and their outstanding teachers.

“The Territory Government remains committed to boosting education outcomes for Indigenous students and ensure they have access to career
pathways.

“The success of Indigenous students over the past few years is proof of what can be achieved through genuine effort and commitment.”