Central Australian teachers will come together at a remote schools conference being held in Alice Springs on 1 and 2 August, Minister for Employment, Education and Training Syd Stirling said today.

Mr Stirling said the two-day conference would be the first time that teachers, assistant teachers and Aboriginal Tutors Assistance Scheme (ATAS) tutors from across Central Australia had joined together in this way to discuss common issues.

"More than 180 staff from the two Alice Springs group schools – Alice Springs East and Alice Springs West – as well as teachers from Papunya and Ntaria, will participate in the conference," Mr Stirling said.

"The educators will take part in a series of workshops which will focus on issues relevant to remote area teaching.

"Those issues include implementation of the NT Curriculum Frameworks, literacy and numeracy testing, indigenous education, Information Technology, best practice teaching, indigenous pre-schools, drug education, student services, gifted students, behaviour management, hearing difficulties, and remote health.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for Central Australian educators to discuss crucial issues affecting remote area teaching and share their experiences.

"Former Territory Senator and author of Learning Lessons, Bob Collins, will also be guest speaking at the conference."