Partnerships will be the key to the success of Woolaning Homeland Christian College, Minister for Employment, Education and Training Syd Stirling said at its official opening today.

Mr Stirling also congratulated the NT Christian Schools Association for realising its commitment to local Indigenous communities to develop a secondary school for their children.

"The Territory Government welcomes the support of the NTCSA in our efforts to address the needs of Indigenous students – one of the greatest challenges we face in education," he said.

"If we are going to make real improvements in educational outcomes for Indigenous students we must do this in partnership – with governments, with communities and with the non-government education sector.

"Woolaning College has particularly recognised the importance of partnership arrangements between the communities it services and the school itself in terms of ensuring good educational and social outcomes for its students."

Mr Stirling said the Commonwealth Government had also shown a willingness to work with the NT Government and the non-government education sector in improving outcomes for Indigenous students.

"The Commonwealth Government has provided substantial financial assistance for the establishment of the College facilities.

"The Territory Government also contributed $850,000 for the purchase of vehicles and mobile education units, as well as the continuation of the Woolaning development team and will provide ongoing funding to the College each year.

"I congratulate everyone involved with the planning and establishment of the College and wish them every success for the future."