Minister for Employment, Education and Training Syd Stirling today presented four Territory schools with national awards recognising their commitment to and achievements in literacy and numeracy.

Bakewell Primary School took out the Northern Territory Excellence Award for Literacy and Numeracy teaching practice for its project "A Community of Learners Moving Forwards".

The National Non-Government Schools Excellence Award went to Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic School on Bathurst Island for its project "Walking Talking Texts: Indigenous Students Achieving Bilingual Outcomes".

The schools received $10,000 each from the Commonwealth Government for their efforts.

Northern Territory Achievement Awards went to Gillen Primary School and Ngukurr Community Education Centre for their accelerated literacy programs, with each school receiving $2000.

Presenting the awards today as part of Literacy and Numeracy Week celebrations, Mr Stirling congratulated the schools for their efforts in lifting literacy and numeracy skills among their students.

Literacy and numeracy are the building blocks of a sound education and the foundation for lifelong learning beyond formal schooling," Mr Stirling said.

"Since 2000 the numbers of Territory students achieving the National Benchmarks in reading, writing and numeracy has grown steadily. This has been particularly evident with Indigenous students.

"Today is a chance to showcase the efforts being made in our schools to lift literacy and numeracy standards and publicly acknowledge the results that have been achieved through good teaching practice.

"Congratulations to Territory schools and educators who are working so hard to improve literacy and numeracy outcomes for their students."