The second half of the school year may have only just begun, but the countdown is already on for thousands of students around the Territory as they make plans for next year – be it further school study, or leaving school for further training, education or employment.

Minister for Employment, Education and Training Syd Stirling said young Territorians could find inspiration and advice to help them make their decision at the Futures Expo 2004 Darwin this week.

The Expo, organised by the Northern Territory Department of Employment, Education and Training, will be held on August 17 and 18 in the Foskey Pavilion at Darwin Showgrounds.

“Futures Expo allows young people to explore their future pathways and receive up-to-date career information straight from training providers, government departments, employers and tertiary institutions,” Mr Stirling said.

“Our economy is growing and developing, bringing with it new opportunities and career pathways. Young people need current information to make informed choices about their future career.

“Futures Expo has been designed to be as practical, interactive and informative as possible.

“It will show students the diversity of educational and training options available to them now and into the future.”

Other dates for Futures Expo 2004 September 7: Tennant Creek; September 9 to 11: Alice Springs (in conjunction with the Alice Springs Festival). Dates and venues for East Arnhem and Jabiru are still to be confirmed.

Meredith Shears (8991 1332) Coordinator of Futures Expo NT is available to talk further about Futures Expo.