Minister for Employment, Education and Training Syd Stirling today officially opened Yirara College’s $450,000 library extensions.

Mr Stirling said the extensions, jointly funded by the NT and Commonwealth governments, meant extra study space for students and office space for staff.

"The library extensions will enhance the College’s successful Literacy Scaffolding Project which involves accelerated learning in English literacy for students," Mr Stirling said.

"They also allow room for two classes to study in the library rather than one and provide additional space for teacher resources and curriculum material.

"I’m sure these extensions will make a real difference to students and staff alike."

Mr Stirling said the NT Government was proud to provide ongoing financial support to Yirara College, which played an important role in delivering secondary education to Indigenous students in Central Australia.

"This is a particularly special time for Yirara because this year the College celebrates 30 years of operation and 10 years of governance by the Finke River Mission," he said.

"The College has done an outstanding job over this time of making secondary education available to remote Indigenous youth.

"Past and present staff, as well as the College’s largely Indigenous Council, deserve to be proud of their achievements."

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