Minister for Employment, Education and Training Syd Stirling today officially opened Stage One of a multi-million dollar expansion project at Kormilda College.

Mr Stirling said Stage One – worth around $2 million – included the construction of a new dining room, servery, kitchen facility, canteen and bulk storage area.

"The NT Government is pleased to be able to support this project, the largest expansion project undertaken by an independent school in the NT, through a capital assistance and interest subsidy grant," he said.

"Stage Two of the project, costing around $2.5 million is already underway and includes the construction of 8 to 10 classrooms, associated teacher resources, plus administration areas.

"The new area, when completed, should accommodate up to 300 additional students.

"The need for this major expansion is proof that the college is going from strength to strength.

"It has played an important role in Territory education for several decades, maintaining its focus on providing high quality education and further education opportunities for indigenous students from remote areas.

"Improving indigenous education outcomes is a major priority of this Government and we are pleased to support the work that Kormilda College is undertaking in this area.

"The whole school community obviously takes a great deal of pride in the school and that is reflected in its many achievements.

"On behalf of the NT Government, I would like to congratulate everyone who has had a hand in this project which will help to serve the needs of the school community well into the future."