Territory students will pit their wits against each other at the NT Regional Final of Tournament of Minds 2004 being held at Charles Darwin University today.

Minister for Employment, Education and Training Syd Stirling said Tournament of Minds aimed to enhance the potential of young people to develop diverse skills, including lateral thinking, enterprise, and time management.

“Tournament of Minds is a great opportunity for young people to develop important life skills in creative thinking and team work,” Mr Stirling said.

“It is an excellent program that really promotes a love of learning in young people

“In the weeks leading up to these finals, students have used music, drama, mime, dance, film, technology and art to find solutions to a number of set challenges related to social science and maths and engineering.

“More than 130 students from 14 primary schools and five secondary schools from around the Territory are taking part this year.

“The five secondary schools fielding teams today are Alice Springs High, Darwin High, Kormilda College, Nhulunbuy High and O’Loughlin College.

“Teams of students from the following 14 primary schools will compete against each other today: Bees Creek, Clyde Fenton, Larrakeyah, Malak, Nightcliff, Nhulunbuy, St Paul’s, Stuart Park, Katherine South, Anula, Wagaman, Parap, Essington and Wulagi.

“I wish each team the very best of luck for today’s finals.”

The finals take place in Building 24 at Charles Darwin University today.

The winners will then represent the Northern Territory at the National Tournament of Minds competition in Perth in October.