TERRITORY TACKLES QUEENSLAND IN GREAT DEBATE

The Northern Territory’s best student debaters will go head to head with Queensland in the National Schools’ Debating Championships this afternoon.

Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Syd Stirling, will today present the medals and trophy to the victorious Adults’ Championship Team, before wishing students the best of luck in following Opening Debate.

“These Territory students are some of the best in the country in the art of debating, and will be the leaders of tomorrow,” said Mr Stirling.

“The Territory Government has provided $20 000 to fund the event, which is being held in Darwin for the first time in eight years.

“As a Member of Parliament, debating is something that I am passionate about, and Territorians can expect a high calibre of argument in this exciting competition.

“I wish our students - and all competitors in the 35th National Schools’ and Adults Debating Championships - the very best of luck.

“Territory students may even be selected for the Australian team which competes later this year at the World Schools Championships in Wales. The Australian team has won six of the last eight tournaments at this International event.”

Twelve Government, Catholic and Independent schools are involved in the National Schools Debating Championships, including Darwin High School, Casuarina Senior College, Kormilda College, O’loughlin College, Palmerston High School, Dripstone High School, Sanderson High School, St John’s College, Essington School, Taminmin High School.

*When* : 2.45pm, Sunday 21 May

*Where* : Supreme Court

*What* : Minister presents medals and trophy to the victorious Adults’ Championship Team, followed by the National Schools Opening Debate between NT and QLD

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