CELEBRATING LIFELONG LEARNING IN THE TERRITORY

Education Week, beginning tomorrow, is a time to focus on learning and celebrate the educational achievements of teachers and students – of all ages – throughout the Territory, Minister for Employment, Education and Training Syd Stirling said today.

Mr Stirling will officially launch Education Week tomorrow, which incorporates Literacy and Numeracy Week, Asia in Schools Week and Adult Learners’ Week and highlights the importance of lifelong learning.

“The central theme for this year is ‘Learning Together’,” Mr Stirling said.

“Ensuring all Territorians have access to a quality education is a major priority of the Martin Government. Education Week gives Territorians the opportunity to discover the many learning pathways available to them.

“Education provides the foundation for Territorians to acquire skills and knowledge necessary to keep the Territory moving ahead in all areas, including industry, business, trade and tourism.”

Education Week celebrates the initiatives and contributions of students, teachers, and government and non-government schools.

Literacy and Numeracy Week celebrates the progress Australian schools are making in raising literacy and numeracy levels among students.

Adult Learners’ Week recognises the benefits of learning – in the home, at work and in the community – and highlights the many learning options available.

Learn At Work Day on Friday 2 September encourages employers and employees to recognise and appreciate the many types of learning that take place in their environment every day – formal and informal, accredited and non-accredited.

Asia in Schools Week will see a number of schools across the Territory sharing studies of Asia through cultural, literacy and numeracy activities with their communities. There will be an Asian food cook-off competition on Wednesday 31 August for secondary students from Palmerston and Darwin.

At tomorrow’s Education Week launch Mr Stirling will present a number of awards to teachers, as well as launching the inaugural Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards.

The launch is being held at 11am tomorrow (Monday 29 August) in Centre Court, Casuarina Shopping Square.

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