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WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY – CELEBRATING TERRITORY TEACHERS

Today is World Teachers’ Day, a time to celebrate and pay tribute to the dedication and achievements of teachers and educators across the Northern Territory.

Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Syd Stirling will thank Territory teachers for their commitment and dedication to improving the educational outcomes of young Territorians at a special function for Darwin and Palmerston teachers at Parliament House this afternoon.

Other similar functions will be held at the same time in Alice Springs, Katherine, Nhulunbuy and Tennant Creek.

“It is the teachers across the Territory that play such a pivotal role in preparing our students for the future, and ensuring they are afforded the best of opportunities,” Mr Stirling said.

“World Teachers’ Day is an opportunity for all of us to recognise and celebrate the contribution of this valued profession.”

This year’s World Teachers’ Day theme is ‘Training for a Stronger Teaching Force’.

“The Government has a strong commitment to providing teachers with professional development; building high quality school leadership for the future; supporting the development of Indigenous leaders and teachers; and recognising and rewarding quality schools, school leaders and teachers,” Mr Stirling said.

“The Territory Government is also committed to ensuring new teachers in the Territory receive the support they need, such as orientation programs and ongoing initiatives to prepare them for the challenges they face in Territory classrooms.”

World Teacher’s Day is also a time to focus on learning on the educational achievements of teachers throughout the Territory, and Mr Stirling will today announce the winners of the inaugural Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards for Government school teachers and schools.

A SEPARATE MEDIA RELEASE WILL BE ISSUED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION RE: THE AWARD-WINNERS

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