The Territory Government is ensuring that educational facilities keep pace with the growth of our northern suburbs by today announcing that a $1 million upgrade and expansion of Wanguri Primary School will be funded in the 2007/8 Territory Budget.

“This is part of the Government’s plan to upgrade existing school buildings built in the 1970’s to current standards and to cater for expected significant growth in Darwin’s newest suburb of Lyons,” Minister for Employment, Education and Training Paul Henderson said.

“This expansion and upgrade was an election commitment from the Territory Government. Lyons is in the priority enrolment area for the Wanguri Primary School, so we are looking ahead to ensure there are appropriate facilities to handle a greater intake of students at this school and other schools in the local area.

“Additional capacity, if needed for extra students from Lyons is available at Nakara Primary School and other northern suburb schools,” Minister Henderson said.

Funds for the $1 million expansion project will be included in the 2007/8 Territory Budget.

These expansions and upgrades will include:

- Redevelopment of the second pre school unit
- Upgrade of the school assembly area
- Upgrade of the transition area and two existing classrooms
- Upgrade of the reception area and offices.

Project design will be undertaken in close consultation with a school-based project building group including school council representatives, the principal and other education staff.

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