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MORE TERRITORY STUDENTS ‘GIFTED’ UNDER REVISED POLICY

More Territory students will be classed as ‘gifted’ under a revised education policy which takes effect today, said Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Syd Stirling.

The new and improved policy includes a broader definition of ‘giftedness’, which applies to more students than just those with intellectual prowess.

“Gifted students will also include those possessing high levels of creative, social, emotional or physical abilities, which can be developed into a range of talents,” Mr Stirling said.

The revised Policy for the Education of Gifted Students in the Northern Territory was launched this morning by Minister Stirling at Parap Primary School, where there is a class of 22 gifted students.

Member for Fannie Bay and Chief Minister, Clare Martin, attended the launch and welcomed the new approach.

“This new policy will affect all Territory schools and teachers, as they are now more likely to have gifted students under the new definition,” said Ms Martin.

“It is important to recognise students who excel in areas other than academia, such as the arts, sport and music.”

Principals will work with their school communities to determine how these students will be identified and catered for.

The revised policy is important reading for all teachers and parents in assisting students reach their potential, and can be found at :


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