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2006 TEACHING IN THE TERRITORY EXCELLENCE AWARDS CELEBRATE THE SUCCESS OF NT SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS

The Minister for Employment, Education and Training Syd Stirling officially launched the 2006 Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards today, kicking off Education Week celebrations.

The awards recognise excellence and innovation in the work of Northern Territory Government teachers and schools.

“These annual awards publicly recognise outstanding government teachers and schools, acknowledging their excellence and innovation in achieving significantly improved educational outcomes for Territory students,” Mr Stirling said.

Nominations are now open in the four categories for the awards in 2006:

1. 2006 Teacher of the Year Award – $1000 prize and a certificate of recognition for the teacher and the school.

2. 2006 Early Career Teacher of the Year Award (nominees must be within first three years of teaching) – $1000 prize and a certificate of recognition for the teacher and the school.

3. 2006 Teaching Excellence Awards – (four awards) certificate to successful teachers from urban, remote, primary and secondary sectors.

4. 2006 School of the Year Award - $2500 for professional learning or resources and a certificate for the school.

“This is the second year the awards have been held, and last year some truly wonderful educators were acknowledged,” Mr Stirling said.

“I encourage members of the public to recognise excellence and innovation in our Territory teachers and schools by submitting nominations for the Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards.”
The selection panel will include representatives from the Department of Employment, Education and Training, the NT Australian Education Union, school leaders and parents.

Information packs containing award guidelines and nomination forms are available at www.teacherawards.nt.gov.au or from NT Government schools.

Forms and guidelines will also be available from the Education Week display at Raintree Park, Darwin City Centre, from 28 August to 1 September 2006.

Nominations close on Wednesday 27 September 2006 and winners will be announced on World Teachers Day, Friday 27 October 2006.

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