MINISTERS WELCOME NEW TEACHERS TO THE TERRITORY

35 new teachers will today be welcomed to the Territory, with the Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Syd Stirling and Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries Kon Vatskalis hosting official functions.

Each of the teachers have started teaching in Territory schools for the first time this year – some of them will begin for the first time when Semester II starts next week. The teachers are currently undergoing orientation, with 15 of them in Alice Springs and 20 in Darwin.

The orientation program provides new teachers to the Territory with cross-cultural training and a solid understanding of our education system so they are well prepared before they start at their respective schools.

It also provides them with the opportunity to begin to establish professional networks in the Territory and their first steps on the path of cross-cultural learning and how this will impact on their work in the Northern Territory.

“Teachers play a crucial role in helping to ensure that every Territory student, wherever they live, receives a standard of education that meets the challenges and opportunities of a rapidly changing and technologically advanced world,” Mr Stirling said.

“Government has done a lot to build better schools and boost educational resources but there is much more to do.”

Mr Stirling will host a welcome function for 15 new teachers to the Alice Springs and Tennant Creek regions today (Tuesday, 18 July) at 5.00pm at the Gumtree Room, Alice Springs Resort.

Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries Kon Vatskalis will host a welcome function for 20 new teachers to the Darwin, Katherine and Arnhem Land regions at 5.00pm today (Tuesday 18 July) in the Strangers Lounge, Parliament House.

“Teachers are central to the future of the Territory. Their dedication, professionalism and sheer hard work is vital to shaping our young people and ensuring they get the best education possible,” said Mr Vatskalis.

“I am confident that after living and working in the Territory many of our new teachers will choose to make it their home for many years to come.”

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