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Bands do Battle for Top Spot

The Chief Minister Paul Henderson today launched this year's Battle of the Bands competition.

Mr Henderson visited Palmerston High School where high-energy student duo Enth Degree and local Darwin hard rock group Terracotta Pigeons performed to a crowd of about 1000 students.

“Battle of the Bands is an exciting opportunity for young musicians to get some experience and major exposure while gaining musical qualifications,” Mr Henderson said.

“The competition will be integrated into middle, senior and VET subjects and will allow students interested in pursuing a career in the music industry to gain credits towards their studies.

“The winner of the Battle of the Bands competition will also be invited to form part of the line up for this year’s BASSINTEGRASS festival, which I'm delighted to say will be headlined by major Australian alternative rock band Silverchair.

“Continuing to support major events such as BASSINTEGRASS is an important target in the Territory Government's Territory 2030 plan.

“Silverchair is a quality act and attracting a band of their calibre is a reflection of the great reputation BASSINTEGRASS has built up. The rest of the line-up will be announced in the near future.”

Mr Henderson said Battle of the Bands is open to all middle and senior students across the Territory. A Battle of the Bands competition is being organised for Alice Springs later this year with the winner invited to play at a concert on October 2.
Heats for the Darwin competition will be held throughout February and March with the final on April 16. Bands must perform only original music.

BASSINTHEGRASS will be held on May 22 this year. As well as the winner of Battle of the Bands competition, several other local bands will be selected to play at BASSINTHEGRASS. Local bands need to apply through the BASSINTHEGRASS website before April 9th.

Entries for the Top End competition open today via the Department of Education and Training website, and a link is also available through the BASSINTHEGRASS website.

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