Minister for Education and Training Chris Burns will be travelling to Timor-Leste today where he has a range of meetings and events to build on the Territory’s strong relationship with the country.

“The Territory Government has a strong working relationship with our neighbours in Timor-Leste and we are continuing to strengthen these ties through a range of programs,” Dr Burns said.

“I will be meeting with the Minister for Education, Mr Joao Cancio Freitas, and discussing education links between the Territory and Timor-Leste.

“There are opportunities to expand the school-to-school relationships to the benefit of students in the Territory and Timor-Leste.

“I will also be meeting with the Head of the Civil Service, Mr Liborio Pereira, and reviewing our work to develop skills in the Timor-Leste public service.

“The Territory Government hosts civil servants from Timor-Leste as part of an internship program and we will be discussing how this is progressing.”

Dr Burns will be meeting with the Secretary of State for Vocational Training and Employment, Mr Benedito Freitas, to look at options to develop vocational education and training ties between the Territory and Timor-Leste.

Dr Burns will also represent the Territory Government at the trophy presentation and closing events to mark the successful recommencement of the Darwin-to-Dili Yacht Rally.

The rally was won by ‘Even Karma’ on handicap in the mono-hull cruising division, setting a new event record.

All eight yachts participating in the rally have successfully completed the event.

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