Education and Training Minister Chris Burns has welcomed today’s announcement by the Australian Government that five remote Territory Schools will receive funding to build trade training centres.

Yirrkala School, Nhulunbuy High, Gapuwiyak, Shepherdson College at Galiwin’ku and Ntaria School will share in the $176 million nationwide investment, which will see new and improved facilities for students to create pathways to employment while completing their normal school studies.

Dr Burns said the trade training centres will help prepare students for employment and help to meet the workforce needs for the Territory’s future, particularly in regional areas.

“Education is the number one priority of the Henderson government, and with the assistance of the Australian Government, we are ensuring that every child in the Territory has access to top class facilities.

“These schools will receive new and upgraded state-of-the-art training facilitates which is great news for students and future employers.

“If every child goes to school every day in the Territory, they will be set for a great future and through these trade training centres, we can establish a direct pathway to skilled employment opportunities.

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