CDU Delivers High-Tech Education to Defence of Darwin Experience

Education is a big part of the experience at the Defence of Darwin Experience.

A contract has been awarded to Charles Darwin University’s Public Policy research Centre, The Northern Institute, to develop web-based educational resources to complement the new state-of-the-art Defence of Darwin Experience.

The contract, worth just under $50 000, will draw on local knowledge and expertise to develop curriculum-ready materials for teachers and students.

Education and Training Minister Chris Burns visited the Defence of Darwin Experience today, along with winners of the NT Schools 70th Anniversary Bombing of Darwin Art Competition from Larrakeyah Primary School and representatives from The Northern Institute.

“The new $10 million Defence of Darwin Experience uses state-of-the-art technology to deliver life-like images and experiences to visitors and we want school children to enjoy a similar experience.

“It’s an exciting way for students to receive their education and it’s very important that these materials will be curriculum-ready to provide a valuable education asset for students all across Australia.

The Northern Institute’s Alicia Boyle said the materials will focus on the period 1932 to 1945.

“We want to help ensure that the history of events leading up to and including the bombing of Darwin is preserved and presented for current and future generations to appreciate and understand.”

“Ultimately it will allow all Australian teachers and students to develop a better understanding of Darwin’s involvement in World War II,” she said.

Minister Burns said the materials would be delivered via the DDE website mid-year and will relate to both the permanent exhibition at East Point as well as the current nine military heritage sites featured in the smart phone application.

Entry to the Defence of Darwin Experience is free for schools groups.

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