Community celebrates $11.9 million Nemarluk School

Minister for Education and Training Chris Burns today congratulated the Nemarluk school community on the official opening of the new Nemarluk School at Alawa.

In opening the new $11.9 million purpose-built school for students with special needs, Dr Burns said the entire school community deserved praise for their work in completing the facility.

“Classes commenced on Monday 16 April and I understand students and teaching staff are delighted with their new school.

“Students are enjoying the mix of new playground equipment with some of the familiar structures that have been relocated from the old Ludmilla site,” Dr Burns said.

The new Nemarluk School has 14 spacious new classrooms and will cater for students aged from 3½ to 12 years.

Other facilities at the school include a heated outdoor swimming pool, multipurpose indoor assembly room, teacher preparation rooms, meeting and family rooms, and interesting and stimulating natural and constructed outdoor environments.

The school has accessible information technologies throughout including wireless technology and Team Boards to meet the needs of today’s young learners.

Dr Burns said education is the key priority of the Henderson Government, and the new Nemarluk School is part of the $30 million Special Schools Infrastructure plan to deliver better education facilities for children with special needs.

Member for Casuarina Kon Vatskalis said the new facility will be a boost to the local community, as well as the adjacent Alawa School, with whom resources and facilities can be shared.

“Alawa School must also be congratulated for the key role they have played in helping establish the new Nemarluk School and for being so welcoming and accommodating of the students and staff into their community.

“Special mention must go to Principal Bert Beekhuizen and School Council Chair Jenny Dignan, as well as the PTM Group and staff at the Department of Construction and Infrastructure and the Department of Education and Training for their dedication and enthusiasm in bringing the project to fruition,” Minister Vatskalis said.

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