A NEW HOME FOR OPEN EDUCATION

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The Country Liberals Government is committed to building a strong society by using innovative technologies to deliver improved education opportunities for our students, particularly those in remote schools and locations.

The Northern Territory Open Education Centre (NTOEC) will have a new home while plans for a brand new centre at Darwin High School are finalised.

In the interim, NTOEC will move from its current site on Chrisp Street, Rapid Creek to Nightcliff Middle School once current teaching programs are completed.

Minister for Education, Peter Chandler, says the new facility at Darwin High School will be a huge step forward for Open Education in the Territory.

“The increased capacity of a new purpose-built facility will benefit not only our own remote and regional students but also provide an opportunity to deliver Open Education across Australia and possibly overseas,” Mr Chandler said

“While plans are being finalised and construction takes place at the new site, Nightcliff Middle School will provide an integrated school environment for NTOEC students and staff.

“It is widely considered best practice for students undertaking open education courses from remote schools and locations to access social, educational and pastoral care opportunities from a full service school.

“Essington School currently lease one floor of the Chrisp Street building and will commence planning towards a significant upgrade of the entire facility to utilise for school purposes.”

NT Music School, currently located at Nightcliff Middle School, will be relocated to Sanderson Middle School.

“The NT Music School program will benefit from the move to Sanderson. A great space is available for the program, and the school is in very central location for access by surrounding schools,” Mr Chandler said.

“This truly is a great move forward for Territory education; it shows this government is serious about open education and challenging convention to get results.”

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