Almost 1,300 students from the Territory’s 17 senior secondary schools will be undertaking their final exams from today.

Over the next two weeks, 36 written exams will be held starting with English Studies (today) and ending on 19 November with Musicianship.

Minister for Education Peter Chandler said exams could be stressful and urged students to take a few simple steps to help them through the nerve-racking time.

“Have a good breakfast, relax and remember what your teachers have taught you – there will be nothing in your exams that you haven’t been taught,” Mr Chandler said.

“Exams are an opportunity for students to shine, demonstrate what they have learned and come out the other end ready to embark on the next stage of life.

“With the growing opportunities in the Territory I hope the ‘Class of 2014’ remains here and takes advantage of our booming economy.”

As one group of students moves on from school education, another prepares to begin their journey.

“Next year, two reforms to increase school autonomy will take effect, Global School Budgets and Independent Public Schools, something myself and schools are very excited about,“ Mr Chandler said.

“This push for more school autonomy is underpinned by trust. I trust teachers, principals and school communities to make decisions that will best suit their students’ needs.

“Students starting next year will be the first to feel the benefits from this new push and I’m expecting to see schools embrace this responsibility.”

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