Eva Lawler
Minister for Education

Minister to attend COAG Education Council

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Minister for Education Eva Lawler will tomorrow travel to Adelaide to chair the Council of Australian Governments’ (COAG) Education Council and to discuss key priorities for education at a national level.

Minister Lawler said she was enthusiastic about meeting with her State and Federal counterparts and carrying out the Northern Territory’s key role as the chairing jurisdiction in 2016.

“I’m very excited to be meeting with my Ministerial colleagues from around Australia, including the Federal Minister for Education the Honourable Simon Birmingham, to discuss important matters about education, as a good education can change lives,” Minister Lawler said.

“From the Northern Territory Government perspective, putting funds back into education is a major focus.

“Education funding is a matter of crucial importance and it is absolutely vital that we represent the diverse student population of the Northern Territory.

“This government is focused on providing all schools across the Territory with fair and equitable funding. The priority is for all Territory schools to have quality teachers delivering quality teaching and learning to its students.

“We will invest an additional $124 million over four years in Northern Territory schools, including an extra $20 million which will be put directly into school budgets.

“This will allow schools to restore the cuts to teachers made by the previous CLP Government.”

The COAG Ministerial Council on Education will take place on Friday.

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