A record number of year 12 students today received their Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET).

A total of 1399 students successfully completed their NTCET in the 2016 school year, an increase of 61 on the previous year.

Education Minister Eva Lawler congratulated all of the class of 2016 for their NTCET achievements.

The top student for 2016 was Aaron Berthon of Darwin High. Marcus Valastro, the top Indigenous student for 2016, is also from Darwin High School.

“Aaron was not only the top student in the Northern Territory in 2016; he also received A+ Merits in Mathematical Studies and Physics. An exceptional result,” Ms Lawler said.

The top 20 NTCET students in 2016 come from six schools across the Territory. They are:

- eight from Darwin High School
- five from The Essington School Darwin
- two from Marrara Christian College
- two from Casuarina Senior College
- two from St Phillips College, Alice Springs
- one from Katherine High School.

“The NTCET results for 2016 show that while the Territory has some unique educational challenges a significant percentage of our students are capable of performing as well as, or better than, their counterparts elsewhere in Australia.

“The results of all our NTCET students are highly commendable and reflect the hard work and effort these students put into their senior years of schooling. These results are also a tribute to our high quality teachers who work tirelessly to help students achieve their full potential. And we should not
Ms Lawler said one of the truly encouraging signs was the number of Indigenous students who completed their NTCET, particularly those from remote communities. A total of 221 Indigenous students completed their NTCET in 2016 compared with 187 in 2015.

“And the great news is 37 of the Indigenous Year 12 students completed their studies in remote communities. The Northern Territory School of Distance Education played a big role with this group helping to increase the number of Indigenous NTCET recipients in remote community schools from 10 in 2015 to 22 in 2016.”

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