Business Minister Paul Henderson is encouraging Territory high school students keen to get into business to be a part of this year’s Young Achievement Australia (YAA) program.

Mr Henderson will officially launch the YAA 2004 Business Skills Program at Charles Darwin University’s Palmerston Campus this evening.

“The YAA Business Skills Programs is a great opportunity for high school students to get a real taste for what it means to start and run a business,” Mr Henderson said.

“Ten business skills programs are on offer, and local business people have volunteered their time to act as mentors and provide first hand advice on operating a business.

“This is a great program and the Martin Government has committed $25,000 to sponsor five of the 10 business skills programs on offer this year in support the Territory’s future business leaders.”

Throughout the course of the program students learn about a range of business issues and practices, including selling shares to raise capital, establishing a company, business planning, research, and operating their enterprises.

Mr Henderson said the young Territorians could also access the Government’s Youth Desk for further business assistance, including information services, programs and training, and free confidential business consultations.

“Last year nine high schools participated and this year that’s risen to 10 schools – a sign that students, mentors and teachers alike get a great deal from the program,” said Mr Henderson.

“I strongly encourage Territory high school students interested in getting involved in business to consider being a part of YAA 2004.”

The launch is at 5pm at the library foyer, Palmerston Campus of CDU.