EXTRA $1 MILLION FOR KATHERINE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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The Territory Government has allocated an additional $1 million for middle school buildings at Katherine High School.

Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Paul Henderson, said the new buildings will house the additional Year 7 Middle Years students starting at Katherine High School in 2008.

“This additional funding is on top of the previously announced $1.1 million initiative and brings the total allocation for Katherine High School to $2.1 million.

“This is about creating an ideal teaching and learning environment for Year 7 students - the classrooms are flexible and can be interlinked for collaborative learning.

“The new buildings provide six classrooms, central staff areas and extra toilet facilities.

“Collaboration, which is an important aspect of the middle schooling approach, has already been successfully introduced for Katherine High School’s Middle Years students where larger classrooms can accommodate up to 60 students with teams of three or four teachers.

“The concept of a new Middle Years precinct was recommended by an implementation group comprised of the school council chairs and principals from both Katherine’s primary schools and the high school.

“The Australian Government may also provide funding for this project and I thank them for any contribution they make,” Mr Henderson said.

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