Building Better Schools for the Future

More schools will benefit this year as part of the Territory Government’s commitment to deliver better buildings and infrastructure.

Minister for Education and Training Chris Burns said there will be a range of projects delivered this year focused on school infrastructure.

“We want all Territory students to have access to the best possible facilities to help them get the best possible results at school,” Dr Burns said.

“Our strong focus on attendance, literacy and numeracy will also continue, and we know top school facilities also help in these areas.

“This year the Territory Government’s $300,000 upgrade program for government primary schools continues.

“We have recently opened the new state-of-the-art Rosebery Primary and Middle Schools.

“There has been a focus on major upgrades recently to Centralian Middle School, Casuarina Senior College, Dripstone Middle School and Sanderson Middle School as well.

“Work continues with the Australian Government to deliver better schools through the Building Education Revolution (BER) where all schools are getting major upgrades or new facilities.

“It is great to see a school like Millner Primary that not only benefited from a multi-purpose hall at their school, but also the installation of photovoltaic panels as part of their $2 million BER project.

“Their solar system is producing 150,000 kilowatts of renewable energy each year reducing their greenhouse emissions by 1000 tonnes of carbon dioxide annually.

“They are also using this as a learning facility to teach students about solar power.

“Education is a key priority of the Henderson Government and we’ll continue work to ensure Territory students have access to the school facilities they need to help them achieve,” Dr Burns said.

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