Enhancing technology learning

School principals, senior teachers and senior Department of Education staff will be encouraged today to further embrace the technology used daily by students to socialise, explore and learn.

Education Minister Dr Chris Burns today welcomed DET staff from across Territory schools and the department to the School Leaders’ Conference which will focus on schools using and adapting to new technologies.

“It can be a challenge for schools to keep up with new technology,” Dr Burns said.

“With the accessibility of notebooks and ipads; Twitter, blogs and Facebook are a big part of students’ daily lives and we need to embrace this technology in our schools.

“It’s great to see principals attending an interactive, paperless conference and I look forward to seeing the outcomes including discussion about the innovative ways being used to include technology in the classroom.

“The Northern Territory Government is committed to providing all schools with high standard ICT services to enable schools to be at the forefront of the use of new technology.

“There is great potential for technology to be used to assist principals and teachers as they work towards improving literacy and numeracy outcomes for all students.

“Today’s conference gives our school leaders the opportunity to further reflect on how technology is driving change in our schools and how that change can be used to teach and learn more effectively.”

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