Wait is over for Year 12 Students

A record number of Territory students let out a sigh of relief today as they opened their mail and checked the web to discover they had successfully completed Year 12.

Minister Chris Burns, representing the Education Minister, said 1013 students – including 154 Indigenous students – received their 2008 Northern Territory Certificate of Education (NTCE) results.

The Territory’s top student is Edward Tikoft from St Phillips College in Alice Springs. Edward received a score of 98, achieving perfect scores in Physics, Physical Education and Psychology and 19/20 in English Studies and Mathematical Studies.

Darwin High students Catherine Browne, Hannah Phelps and Andros Zhu each received a score of 97 to be placed equal second.

Stacey McKenzie from Darwin High School was named the Territory’s top Indigenous student.

“Results like this will open the door to an array of opportunities and I congratulate not only the top four students but all Territory teenagers who worked so hard this year to pass Year 12,” Dr Burns said.

“The Territory Government is committed to providing the best possible education opportunities for young Territorians with a record investment of $719m this year.

“That investment has delivered real results in our education system. This Government has overseen a rise from 803 students achieving their NTCE in 2003 to this year’s record of 1013 students.

“I’m especially pleased to see a 170% increase in the number of Indigenous students completing their NTCE since 2003.

“An enormous amount of hard work goes into these results and I congratulate students on their efforts. There is also a team of families, teachers and principals who have supported these students and their efforts should also be acknowledged.”

A total of 24 students achieved a perfect 20/20 score in a particular subject this year.

A results and enquiries service will offer a free-call telephone helpline on 1800 009 282. Senior secondary staff will take calls and assist students and parents to interpret results and offer career and tertiary advice. The service will operate from 8.30am today until noon 31 December.

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