

## BUDGET 2015-16 MAKING YOUR LIFE SIMPLER SAFER SMARTER



Peter Chandler  
Minister for Education

### **\$152.4 million Budget commitment for Education Infrastructure**

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Budget 2015 invests \$152.4 million for a range of education infrastructure in government schools across the Territory.

Minister for Education Peter Chandler said the spending program, including significant Minor New Works allows the Department of Education to respond to critical issues that arise in relation to disability access, work health and safety and security in schools.

"The existing Infrastructure spending program is making life simpler, safer and smarter with investment in school upgrades and improvements, to help meet the educational needs of Territory students," Mr Chandler said.

"Schools across the Territory have already identified a raft of required improvements that will be met through the Minor New Works program.

"The program also includes upgrades or replacement of toilet facilities and air-conditioners; installation of solar facilities; and upgrades or new playgrounds."

Budget Highlights for Major Education Capital Works include;

- \$33 million for repairs and maintenance;
- \$21.4 million for Stage 1 of Palmerston Special School;
- \$11.6 million for the Minor New Works Program;
- \$5.5 million for Larapinta Child and Family Centre;
- \$4 million for a new preschool at Braitling Primary School;
- \$2.7 million for a new administration facility at Kintore Street School;
- \$2.1 million for a refurbishment at Wulagi Primary School;
- \$1.3 million extension at Bees Creek Preschool; and
- \$1 million for tempered air system at Anula Primary School.

"There are exciting projects happening in Education and this government is committed to securing the best possible future for our children," Mr Chandler said.

"Today's students are the future of the Northern Territory and we won't apologise for spending money on making studying and teaching simpler, safer and smarter for students and teachers."

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