New computers provide boost for Territory students and teachers

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Students and teachers across the Northern Territory are benefiting from a $7.5 million roll-out of new computer technology as part of the CLP’s plan to give Territory students the best possible education.

Visiting Bakewell Primary School today with Chief Minister Adam Giles, Minister for Education Peter Chandler said the Country Liberals Government was investing more than $7.5 million in new laptops, computers and tablets in about 200 Territory Government and Non-Government schools.

“We’re helping teachers improve their skills and the investment in updated computers allows schools to take advantage of the latest technologies,” Mr Chandler said.

“New touch technologies are expanding how students and teachers perform everyday tasks like drawing, taking notes, preparing presentations and brainstorming.

“We are seeing more educational content being delivered online and laptops, tablets and desktop computers are an essential tool in education today.

“About $3 million worth of laptops have already been distributed this semester to teachers in Government schools and a further $4.5 million has been allocated to refresh the current fleet of computer technology being used by students in Government and Non-Government schools.”

Chief Minister Adam Giles said a quality education was important to ensure Territory students could get a great job.

“Students will do their best work if they are learning in the best facilities, from well supported teachers and using up to date technology,” he said.

“It is one of the many priorities we have to ensure Territory students are afforded the best learning opportunities in the nation.

“We have empowered our schools to make decisions in the best interests of their students through global school budgeting, allowing each school to focus on areas of student need and interest.
“We’re giving local communities a greater say in how their schools are run, investing in new technology for teachers and students and upgrading school buildings to provide better learning environments,” Mr Giles said.

“It’s all part of the CLP’s plan to improve educational outcomes and opportunities for Territory students.”

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