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MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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RECORD 927 STUDENTS CELEBRATE NTCE RESULTS

A record 927 Territory year 12 graduates are celebrating after receiving their NT Certificates of Education results today.

Employment, Education and Training Minister Syd Stirling paid tribute to the record number of graduates, saying each of the students was a “success story”.

“This is a significant achievement for the Territory and on behalf of Government I want to say well done to all involved,” he said.

“Receiving the NTCE is a major milestone in any student’s life and the culmination of a lot of hard work and commitment. My congratulations go to the students, their teachers, parents and all others who have contributed to these outstanding results.

“Each student can look forward with optimism to a bright future, whether that means employment or further studies.

“Bright young people help keep the Territory moving ahead and I urge each student to consider the many options available right here.”

Mr Stirling said 71 more students had achieved their NTCE this year than last year, including a record 25 from the Territory’s five remote community education centres that are accredited to provide senior secondary courses (up from four in 2004 and three in 2003).

“This is evidence that the NT Government’s investment in secondary education - and in particular, the initiative to expand secondary education in remote schools - is beginning to pay off,” he said.

“Principals, teachers and curriculum officers had worked hard to improve students’ results and this was one of the reasons for the significant increase in the number of NTCE recipients this year.

“They have identified students at risk of not completing their NTCE and provided them with extra support. Many schools also have extended their subject offerings so students are able to choose courses that are appropriate to their abilities and career interests.”

Yvonne Chau of Casuarina Senior College scored an NTCE result of 99 points out of 100 to be the Northern Territory’s top student for 2005.

Yvonne, of Wanguri achieved a perfect 20 out of 20 for English Studies, Physics, Mathematical Studies and Chemistry - and 19 in Indonesian.

Casuarina Senior College Principal Steve Sjoberg said: “We are all very proud of Yvonne’s achievement. She has worked very hard and I congratulate her on her success.”

The top Indigenous student is Cherisse Buzzacott from Centralian Senior Secondary College in Alice Springs.

This year, 21 students shared the top 20 marks in the Territory, with 10 from Casuarina Senior College 5 from Darwin High School, 3 from Centralian Senior Secondary College and 1 each from St Phillips, NT Christian College and OLSH Alice Springs.

Some 50 students from 11 schools received 63 merit awards (20/20 for a particular subject), with 4 Indigenous students sharing in 4 of these awards.

Mr Stirling also congratulated and thanked the Territory’s principals and teachers today for the support and guidance they have provided students throughout the year.

Students are able to check their results on the Senior Secondary Assessment Board of South Australia website - www.ssabsa.sa.edu.au

A Results and Enquiries Service (RES) will offer a free-call telephone helpline on 1800 009 282. Senior secondary staff will take calls and assist students and parents interpret results and offer career and tertiary advice. The service will operate from 8.30am to 5pm until 29 December.

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