



**OUR VOICE FOR NT PUBLIC EDUCATION**

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## NT SCHOOLS JOIN TOGETHER TO STAND UP FOR YUENDUMU SCHOOL, TENNANT CREEK HIGH & KATHERINE HIGH SCHOOLS

“OUR REMOTE STUDENTS DESERVE SCHOOLS TO THE SAME STANDARD AS DARWIN”

“Schools from across every region in the NT met recently at the NT Annual Full Council meeting to advocate on behalf of all Territory children in government schools.”

“It was widely noted by attendees that considerable infrastructure funding has been expended on Top End schools”.

“The Northern Territory Full Council tabled and ratified 27 motions to guide NTCOGSO’s work for the next 12 months. Of significance is their call to action of the Northern Territory government to commit budget 20/21 to urgently replacing ageing school infrastructure to Australian standards for:

- 1. Yuendumu School**
- 2. Tennant Creek High School**
- 3. Katherine High School”**

“We are calling on the Gunner government to prioritise these three (3) school infrastructure upgrades and rebuilds in their next budget to ensure the children of Yuendumu, Tennant Creek and Katherine High Schools are able to have the best school education to gain a bright future.”

“It is time to invest in capital, our most important capital of all, our human capital; our children”.



Left: Yuendumu students deserve the same infrastructure & acoustic standards as Darwin students (Right).



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"The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics 10 YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN 2018–2027 recognises that "with a large percentage of Territory schools more than 30 years old, existing school infrastructure needs to be brought up to current Australian standards."

"Every child in the Northern Territory needs access to a quality education. Every child deserves the right to be able to hear their teacher."

"School attendance remains of high concern in the Northern Territory with Aboriginal students, on average, only attending 70 per cent of the time for primary and 50 per cent in secondary".

"Parents and families tell us it is because their children cannot hear when they are at school. It is like learning in a muffled fog. They start to misbehave because they are frustrated and feel stupid. Next, they don't bother to turn up."

"Our children struggle to learn, have low attendance and are over represented in youth justice - they can't hear! "

"NTCOGSO's hearing advocacy for up to 90% of our remote Indigenous students remains our number one priority. A common response for students with hearing loss, is to disengage – to stop attending school. "

"Just imagine if children had a school to be proud to walk into; where the acoustics meet the Australian standard for schools and they have every opportunity to hear their teacher."

Tabby Fudge  
President

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**The Northern Territory Council of Government School Organisations represents every NT government school with over 19,000 families, their 34,400 children and the school communities that support them.**



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