

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Hersey to the Minister for Education:

Palmerston Senior College

1. What is the Palmerston Senior College Special Education Centre's capacity?

Palmerston College will accommodate all students to engage in education.

There are 10 learning areas within the Special Education Centre that cater for students in years 7 to 12. These students are located at the Palmerston College 10 -12 campus with a capacity for approximately 68 students.

Whilst the Special Education Centre has capacity for 68 students, the school is converting classrooms in mainstream as special education classes. As such, there is no set enrolment capacity and the school will not turn away any students.

There are 4 learning areas located in mainstream classes at the Palmerston College 10-12 campus being utilised for special education classes catering for year 7 to 12 students.

The Palmerston College 7-9 campus has 1 learning area for Special Education with capacity for approximately 10 students. This campus is location on the Palmerston Senior College Senior Campus and caters for years 7-9 students.

2. How many students are currently enrolled in the Palmerston Senior College Special Education Centre?

111 students are currently enrolled in the Palmerston College Special Education Centre.

3. Are there any plans to extend the Palmerston Senior College Special Education Centre? If so, when will this commence, when will they be complete, how many students will this accommodate, and what is the budget?

There are no current plans to extend the Palmerston Senior College Special Education Centre.

The NT Infrastructure Plan and Pipeline 2022 identifies \$21m to be invested in the next 5 years to support students with additional needs in Palmerston and rural region.

4. Are there plans for a new senior school for Palmerston? If so, when will this commence, when will they be complete, how many students will this accommodate, and what is the budget?

There are no plans for a new senior school for Palmerston.