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Dear Parent/Guardian

The Northern Territory Government is pleased to announce its assistance to families in supporting the costs of preparing children for the new school year through the 2018 Back to School Payment Scheme.

All school-age children enrolled throughout the Northern Territory are entitled to receive goods and services to the value of \$150 to assist with educational expenses. The \$150 entitlement can be used during Term 1, 2018, to purchase essential school items through your child's school. Essential school items include: uniforms, text books, stationery, resource hire schemes, student identification cards; and costs for camps and excursions.

Preschool students are able to access the Back to School Payment Scheme entitlement during the term in which they first commence school.

Your child's school will record all eligible purchases made and can provide you with a record of payment on request so that you know how much of your entitlement has been used.

The Back to School Payment Scheme Frequently Asked Questions is included with this letter. If you would like further information about the scheme please contact your child's school, or visit <https://education.nt.gov.au/policies/back-to-school-payments> where you can find the Back to School Payment Scheme Policy and additional supporting guidelines.

I wish you and your children a successful 2018 school year.

Yours sincerely

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