

Northern Territory Space School Incorporated

Background

With the support of a small organising committee, as Mayor of Palmerston, I facilitated, coordinated and hosted the visit of NASA Astronaut James Reilly to the Northern Territory in 2007.

As part of his program, James visited Palmerston schools and the Waruwi Community on Goulbourn Island, presenting to an estimated 1400 Students and teachers about his experiences on his last Mission to Space and encouraging and motivating young people to pursue careers in space science and related subjects.

In addition, discussions were held with relevant NT stakeholders, representatives of the Young Astronauts Space School Association (YASSA) and organisers of Space Schools in South Australia and NSW, with a view to developing a Space School for the NT.

With the success of preliminary discussions at that time, I invited representation from the Education Department, Science Teachers, the Science Teachers Association and other interested educators from Charles Darwin University to form a Committee to pursue this goal.

Progress

I am now delighted this project is underway and a Committee of Management has been formed, the school name has been formalised through Registration of a Business Name. A Mission Statement, Aims and Objectives were developed and the Committee of Management appointed formally with the resulting Incorporation as an Association being confirmed on 8 April 2008.

The web page has been developed and the application form and all documents pertaining to the school are available on this page.

The School

The Inaugural School will be held on **1st to 4th August 2008** at Robertson Barracks and there are Twelve places available. Year 10 students in all NT Schools can apply by completing the form on a link on this page. All applications will be considered by the committee and the 12 successful candidates will be notified in due course.

The future

It is the aim of the Committee to conduct such schools in future years and I look forward to a successful 2008 school and encourage all students interested in science and space science related subjects to apply. You are the future !

Robert Macleod JP
Mayor of Palmerston