

DARWIN TRANSITION PROGRAM

"No reason why a kid in Gunbalanya can't aspire to run the territory."

The Darwin Transition Residential House in Millner, Darwin is now being used exclusively for the Oenpelli community to run transitional programs and a live in residence for Year 12 graduates to further their education and take advantage of employment opportunities in Darwin. This is a great initiative as it will enable the youth of the Oenpelli community to transition and live successfully in their two worlds and also inspire the current generation of the Oenpelli community to attend class and study hard. Programs run so far have been extremely well received by the Gunbalanya community and life changing experiences for the participants. The program enables the flourishing of the community and homelands to live with opportunities for successful transition into Darwin for employment and education. A successful ceremony with the Gunbalanya community commencing our partnership was held in October and our first Year 12 graduate from Gunbalanya community, Canon Manyita, is living in the house after gaining his first job in Palmerston. This is a very exciting program that will enable Indigenous students from remote communities make the successful transition into employment opportunities and live in two worlds.

