

Dear Families

The Northern Territory Government has announced the new school based policing program. The program will commence in Term 4, 2018 across 10 schools in the Northern Territory, including Dripstone Middle School.

The purpose of the program is to:

- maintain safe and supportive learning environments;
- nurture and build positive relationships between school-based police officers, students, families, schools and school communities;
- assist children traumatised by family violence and other adverse childhood experiences to succeed in school;
- prevent victimisation;
- reduce youth crime; and
- develop positive attitudes in students and families toward Police and further highlight the value in child attending school every day.

Through an intelligence-led, evidence-based approach, 10 central locations were selected as hubs for the program. They are:

- Sanderson Middle School
- Dripstone Middle School
- Darwin Middle and High Schools (Bullocky Point Precinct)
- Nightcliff Middle School
- Palmerston College
- Taminmin College
- Casuarina Senior College
- Katherine High School
- Tennant Creek High School
- Centralian Middle School

School-based police officers' role will focus on three key areas:

- enforcement and safety of student, teachers, and staff in schools
- being an educator and mentor through delivering programs to support awareness and knowledge; and

Dripstone Middle School looks forward to working together with Police on the new program to ensure that a proactive approach is taken to support our students to actively engage and thrive in education and be positive contributors to our community.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Principal Robyn Thorpe on 8983 7777.

Kind Regards,

Robyn Thorpe
Principal