



LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

Friday 15th August

E/C Assembly

Cross Country Gala Day

Thursday 21st August

Year 6 Singapore Study Tour

Parent Evening

Friday 22nd August

M/U Assembly

Thursday 28th August

Rugby Union Gala Day

Friday 5th September

M/U Assembly

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last Friday 8th August the annual Australian Education Awards were held in Sydney. The awards showcase the top performing schools, Principals, department heads and teachers for their outstanding achievements and transformative work that makes a profound difference to the lives of students across Australia.

We were proud to be finalists in 5 categories. Assistant Principal of the Year – Danni Mattiazzo, Principal of the Year Government- Fathma Mauger, Primary School of the Year Government - Larrakeyah Primary School, Best Wellbeing Program - Larrakeyah Primary School and Best Use of Technology – Larrakeyah Primary School.

Larrakeyah Primary won the Best Use of Technology award. The school has been a finalist in this category for the past two years so it was exciting to finally win this award. Our nomination focussed on our custom built AI 'IntelliLearn' that we use to improve Writing in upper primary. Below are the other finalists in the category which show the high calibre of schools that enter the Australian Education Awards.

BEST USE OF TECHNOLOGY

Winner: Larrakeyah Primary School

Excellence Awardees

Canterbury College
Emmaus College
Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School
St Michael's Grammar School
Trinity College (SA)

Westbourne Grammar
Xavier College South Australia

Parent/teacher/student 3-way conferences were held this week. The relationship between home and school is very important. Thank you to parents for working in partnership with the school and making a time to speak with teachers regarding their child's progress. If you missed this opportunity, please contact your child's teacher.

Australian schools are required to report on student, parent and staff satisfaction under the Australian Education Act 2013. Each year, the School Survey collects the opinions of staff, students and their families about school performance. It contains questions that aim to provide schools with key insights into wellbeing, engagement, and learning experiences from the perspective of the school community.

The survey is open until Friday 5 September 2025. Please access the link : [2025 Parent Survey - Larrakeyah Primary School](#)

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. We use survey results to inform school planning and improvement. Your feedback is appreciated.

Regards

Fathma Mauger

Principal



Larrakeyah Primary School is a member of the Darwin City Schools and in partnership with Darwin Middle School, Darwin High School, Northern Territory Open Education Centre, Ludmilla Primary School, Stuart Park Primary School and Parap Primary School.

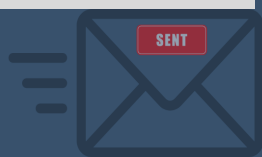
The community of Larrakeyah Primary School acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Custodians of the land on which it is based, the Larrakia People, and pays respect to the Elders—past present and emerging



Recent Notes Sent Home

Audiri

- Larrakeyah Primary School Parent Survey 2025
- Year 3 - 6 Cricket Gala Day
- Pedestrians on Roundabout Exit
- Years 1 - 6 Swimming Program
- 6M - Movie consent



ABSENCES

To ensure we keep our Attendance Records correct please contact our Front Office if your child/children are absent. You can contact us on 89813211.

Alternatively, you can notify us via our website or use the Audiri App. Tap on School logo then use EFORMS

School Hours

Active supervision of Primary Students is from 8am - 8:15am, and then 2:45pm - 3pm.

Preschool is from 8am to 2pm, whereby students are signed into preschool.

Office Hours
8:00am - 3:30pm

Please do not drop or send your child to school before 7:50am as we are not able to provide supervision. As always, the safety of your child is our priority.

Please contact one of our Assistant Principals should you need to discuss this.



Larrakeyah Primary School uses the Audiri App to keep families up to date

Available from Apple App Store or Google Play



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Defence School Mentor

hello!

Defence Kids Club last week around 40 Defence kids came along to the Teddy Bear Picnic. A big sweet thank you to Karen Jerrett. If you haven't already met her, she is the local Larrakeyah Neighbourhood House Co-ordinator. Thank you for your continued support and helping the kids' ice and decorate biscuits. There were lots of smiles, marshmallows, and sprinkles everywhere while the students supported each other understanding the challenges of parents being away. Hopefully more parents are home with the end of TS 2025.

Take Home Ted is having a mini vacation with a family that are missing Mum. He is having great adventures and lots of cuddles. Does Ted need to visit you?

Also, Save the date for our **Annual Defence Dad's Lunch** on *Friday 5th September, 12:45pm*.

Remembrance Day Volunteers needed we need volunteers – an Ode reader and a flag raiser for our upcoming Commemorative Assembly on Tuesday 11/11/25 are needed. If you are interested or know of someone suitable, please let me know ASAP. I will also be looking for 6 x year 6/5 students to speak at the assembly "Why Remembrance Day is Important to their family" so please encourage them to contact me if they want to do it. And if you are keen to volunteer for ANZAC Assembly 2026, please contact me.

Posting Out?? – please email me your leaving details so I can start your child's farewell process. All farewell activities and DSM mementos I need to complete prior to your departure or mid-November this year, so please keep me informed so no child misses out as they do take quite a while to do. Send in your blue school passports for updating ASAP.

DFMS advice on [Moving with children | ADF Members & Families | Defence](#) and [Changing schools | ADF Members & Families | Defence](#) and consider [Raising Children Network](#) for solid parenting advice on all stages and ages of children. The commonsense parenting guru is Maggie Dent, she has blogs, books and easy listening short podcasts covering lots of parenting challenges and advice. I am rediscovering [Parental As Anything with Maggie Dent and Bec Sparrow - ABC listen](#) - tune in!

Jodie Murdoch DSM jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov.au 89813211

Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608



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Visible Learning in the Classroom

Writing Focus

6 Harris and 5 France

Math Focus

Transition Mostris and 2 Ross

Click on the links above to visit our website to read the latest articles or to access previous articles



Teachers at Larrakeyah Primary provide my child with useful feedback about their schoolwork

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Answer online

<https://bit.ly/larrakeyah19>

Responses and comments are anonymous.



Your opinion matters

Feedback helps us create a happy and successful school.

We use feedback to inform programmes, initiatives, and improvement plans.

Reading offline?

Scan with your smartphone camera or QR code app.

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Staff Spotlight



REBECCA GOODEAR

How long have you been a part of the Larrakeyah Primary School community?

This is my second year teaching at Larrakeyah Primary School. Over the past two years, I've really enjoyed being part of this vibrant school community. It's been a rewarding experience getting to know the students, staff and families, and contributing to such a positive and supportive learning environment.

What is one lesson or activity you love to teach, and why do you think it resonates with the students?

I love teaching Science because it's always been one of my passions, even as a student. I studied it at university, and I enjoy bringing it to life through hands-on activities and experiments. Students love how fun and interactive the content is, and they stay engaged throughout each lesson.

What's your favourite part about working with the students and staff at Larrakeyah Primary School?

My favourite part is the strong sense of community at Larrakeyah. The students are always friendly and welcoming—it's lovely how they greet you with a smile or a hello in the yard. The staff are supportive, and there's a real team spirit that makes each day enjoyable and rewarding.





Items and Valuables at School

Please note that it is advised that students **are not** sent to school with toys or valuable items, including smart watches, as they can become lost and/or damaged.

Students will have full responsibility of the items or valuables and the school accepts no responsibility in the event an item or valuable is lost or



—— SLT PRESENTS ——

FATHER'S DAY STALL

WEEK 7

Monday 25th August – Friday 29th August

Prices from \$2.00 – \$10.00

Located out front of the Library next to
Early Childhood Basketball Court

Stall will run until stocks last!

Tickets on Sale Now



Tickets for this year production of Moana are sold through the Darwin Entertainment Centre website (www.yourcentre.com.au).



Claim your child's sport voucher today

You can receive two **\$100 sport vouchers** each year, one in January and one in July, to help pay for sport, active recreation and cultural activities.

How to apply

1. Visit nt.gov.au/sport-vouchers to get started
2. Register and apply for the voucher through grantsnt.nt.gov.au

Need help?

Call us on 1800 817 860 or email Sport.VoucherScheme@nt.gov.au



nt.gov.au/sport-vouchers



ROBERTSON BARRACKS

OPEN DAY



FOOD

DISPLAYS

ACTIVITIES

DEMONSTRATIONS

FLYOVER

AND MORE!

August

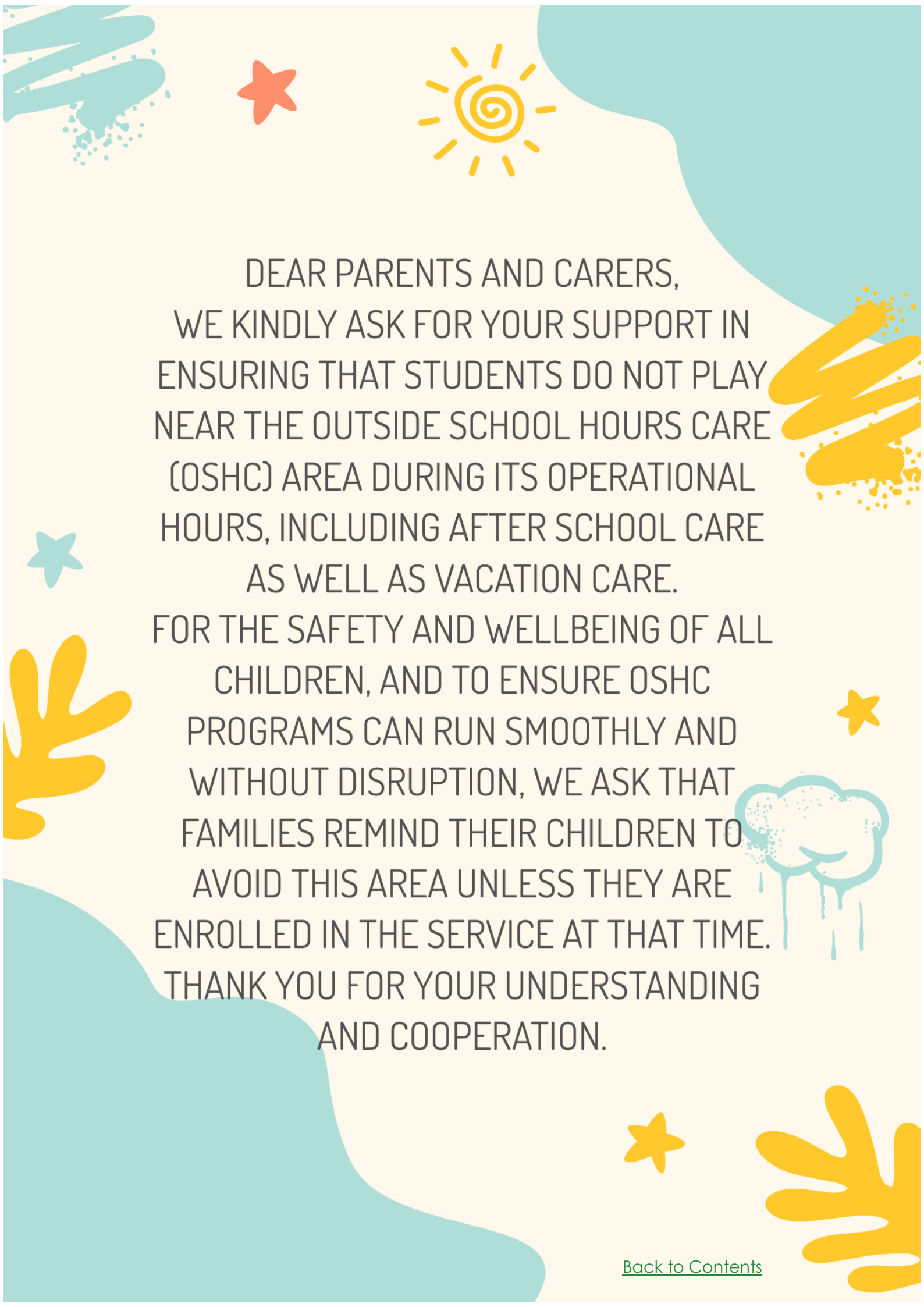
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10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Robertson Barracks
Entry via Thorngate Road



Scan the barcode to
register to the event

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DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,
WE KINDLY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN
ENSURING THAT STUDENTS DO NOT PLAY
NEAR THE OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
(OSHC) AREA DURING ITS OPERATIONAL
HOURS, INCLUDING AFTER SCHOOL CARE
AS WELL AS VACATION CARE.

FOR THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF ALL
CHILDREN, AND TO ENSURE OSHC
PROGRAMS CAN RUN SMOOTHLY AND
WITHOUT DISRUPTION, WE ASK THAT
FAMILIES REMIND THEIR CHILDREN TO
AVOID THIS AREA UNLESS THEY ARE
ENROLLED IN THE SERVICE AT THAT TIME.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING
AND COOPERATION.

Antidote

A REMEDY FOR NOW

Presented by Tracks Dance Company
in association with Darwin Festival



From reflection to action, Tracks' Hope Collectors gather stories, sounds and moves from the Darwin community, distilling them into a suite of offerings that reflect playfulness, resilience and optimism.

Dance It

This free event celebrates the people of Darwin, inviting all to witness movement shaped by our collective stories.

Choreographed by Rachael Wallis, Jenelle Saunders and David McMicken.

Darwin Esplanade
(opp. Peel St)
Sunday, August 17
6:00pm

[REGISTER FOR THE FULL EXPERIENCE](#)

Listen Deep

A sonic journey to a new hope. Weaving together sounds, voices, and instruments from our community.

Devised by James Mangohig.

Tracks Dance Studio
Tuesday, August 19
6:00 & 7:30pm
\$30 & \$20 conc.

[BOOK NOW! LIMITED CAPACITY](#)

Tell Stories

Stories of the world we are in, and the futures we dream of. Join community story tellers diving into the meaning of hope.

Devised by Alyson Evans.

Tracks Dance Studio
Thursday, August 21
6:00 & 7:30pm
\$30 & \$20 conc.

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TRACKS

DARWIN
FESTIVAL

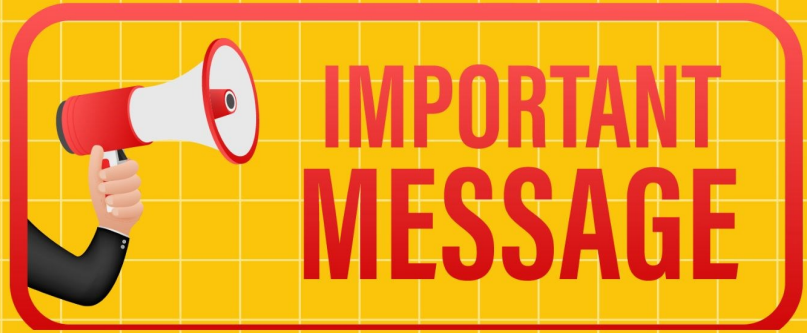
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Creative
Australia



Bookings
darwinfestival.org.au
More info
tracksdance.com.au



Uniform Policy



Larrakeyah Primary School are enforcing the uniform policy in 2025
 Students must wear the below items only.
 All items can be purchased through the front office administration area.



School Shirt



School Dress



School Shorts



School Skorts



House Sports Shirt

Worn only on days students have PE Lessons or when otherwise advised. These must be worn with school shorts or skorts.

Leggings or bike pants must be worn underneath school dresses, shorts or skorts and be the colours **navy** or **black**. They are not a replacement of the school shorts or skorts.

If you have any further questions regarding the school uniform policy please contact:

Danni Mattiazzo
 (Early Childhood Assistant Principal)
danni.mattiazzo@education.nt.gov.au

or
 Bradley King
 (Middle/Upper Primary Assistant Principal)
bradley.king@education.nt.gov.au

REMINDER TO PARENTS – NO RIGHT HAND TURN INTO THE SCHOOL

The City of Darwin have erected a sign prohibiting a 'Right Hand Turn' from Packard Street into the main school 'Kiss and Go' carpark. Please be advised parents need to abide by the road regulations.



SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL

Please take note of the bus routes in the links below and speak to your child about the best bus for them to catch. Bus 103 can become quite congested in the afternoon with some students unable to get on due to numbers. Bus 209 is an alternative option for some of our students, especially those who live in Bayview.

Be sure to check the links for details regarding your bus services and policies, including the Code of Conduct for school bus travel (referred to as the Code). It is crucial for parents to become familiar with the Code and ensure that their children understand the policy before allowing them to ride the school bus

[Larrakeyah Primary School - Bus Routes](#)

[Darwin High School/Darwin Middle School](#)

[Rules for catching a School Bus](#)

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