



# LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## Dates to Remember

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September**  
M/U Assembly  
**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> and Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Sept**  
Rehearsals at DEC  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept**  
Moana Production  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September**  
Last Day of Term  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**  
Students Return to School  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
EC Assembly

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Larrakeyah Primary School recently competed in Tournament of Minds (TOM). TOM is an academic competition focusing on collaborative problem solving and critical thinking. Students work in a team to create a dramatic performance outlining their solution to an open-ended Long Term challenge in one of four disciplines: STEM, Language Literature, The Arts and Social Science. Students also participate in a shorter, unseen Spontaneous Challenge on the day of the Tournament. The school entered 3 teams, LarraKids (Social Sciences), Ink and Imagination (The Arts) and LPS MasterMinds (STEM). All 3 teams represented the school proudly and produced wonderful final presentations that were all commended by the judges. We are excited to announce that our Ink and Imagination Team won The Arts category! Well done on an amazing achievement!

Our Years T-4 students have been involved in the ASPIRE program. ASPIRE exposes students to inquiry-based learning and working with industry professional leading to the QUEST program. In ASPIRE, teachers plan and implement an inquiry project using 21<sup>st</sup> century learning skills (communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking) and involving an industry professional. Students from the same year level learn beyond the classroom and work on the inquiry project with an industry professional.

Like QUEST, ASPIRE culminates in an Expo of Learning. Well done to our EC students for sharing their learning with parents, staff, students, industry professionals and community members in the ASPIRE Expo. It was a wonderful showcase of learning and the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills involved. Larrakeyah Primary is recognised for its innovative programs that inspire students and develop the important skills that students will require in the future.

Our students have returned from the Year 6 international study tour to Singapore. They had an amazing time and also visited our partner school, Invictus International School. Thank you

to Mr King, Mr France, Ms Goodear, Ms Carswell, Mr Mamouzellos and Ms Gerlach for accepting the huge responsibility of supervising and caring for students overseas. Teachers do not receive any additional pay outside their normal work hours and this trip involved 24/7 care for almost one week, including a Saturday. We are fortunate to have teachers who volunteer their time to provide wonderful opportunities for our students.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our school production "Moana" next Wednesday 17 September 7pm at the Darwin Entertainment Centre (DEC). Information will be sent home so you are aware of where students need to meet their teacher at DEC, arrival times and other requirements.

Seats are almost sold out with only a few tickets remaining. Tickets can be purchased either online [www.yourcentre.com.au](http://www.yourcentre.com.au) or from the DEC Box Office. \$30 adult and \$15 child or concession holders. There is no charge for Larrakeyah Primary students who will be performing. As the concert is "out of normal school hours," Larrakeyah Primary students can only attend if they are accompanied by a parent or guardian. Any Larrakeyah Primary students attending who are not participating in the Production must be seated with their parents and a ticket needs to be purchased for them.

To help set the mood for "Moana", we encourage all parents and friends attending to come dressed in tropical prints, Hawaiian shirts or outfits that reflect the tropical Hawaiian theme. We look forward to seeing our school community dressed for "Moana" and it promises to be a wonderful evening.

Next Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September is the last day of Term 3. After a few weeks break, students resume school on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**.

Fathma Mauger,  
Principal



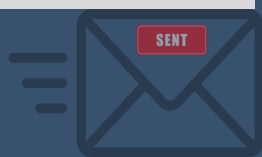
Larrakeyah Primary School is a member of the Darwin City Schools and in partnership with Darwin Middle School, Darwin High School, Northern Territory Open Education Centre, Ludmilla Primary School, Stuart Park Primary School and Parap Primary School.

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

- Year 5 Wonder Movie Consent
- 3/4C & 4I Moana Movie Consent
- 2S Note
- Wet Season Netball School Competition
- Aspire Program Survey
- ECA Term 4
- Entering the School Carpark



# 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!

Thank you to all the Dads that were able to attend the annual Defence Dads Lunch last Friday. I hope you all enjoyed it and felt fussed over by the children. Thanks to Ms Wassi, Ms Mattiazzo & Ms Emiley for helping, and Matt for doing the rolls when he arrived early. Thank you to the kind Dads who took kids under their wing to join in as their dad was away.

The next couple of weeks are going to be quite intense with dance practise and preparation for the upcoming school performance Moana. Please keep in mind that little bodies will be excited and tired, and the emotions can be a little turbulent too. So early nights, healthy meals/lunch boxes and water will help fuel the bodies to keep up with tempo of activity and learning.

**HELP!** We still require a volunteer to raise the flag with their child at the assembly and would like to have a someone special read the Ode too. Please let me know if this is you **Remembrance Day Commemorative Assembly, Tuesday 11 November 10:45am.**

**POSTING? LEAVING?** Please email me your moving details including last day, new location, new school and send in your blue school passport for updating too. Then we can make sure your child receives support, farewell activities, and mementos prior to leaving. DFMS advice on [Moving with children](#) | [ADF Members & Families](#) | [Defence](#) and [Changing schools](#) | [ADF Members & Families](#) | [Defence](#)

**DMFS** is running Resilience programs for kids for parental absence at RBFG.

[ADF Family Event: WOW! Resilience program for parental absence Tickets, Fri, Sep 26, 2025 at 8:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

[ADF Family Event: Look ! Resilience program for kids from ADF families. Tickets, Thu, Sep 25, 2025 at 8:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

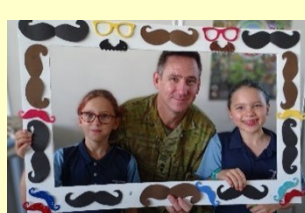
Parent & Kid - Paint & Chat. Wednesday, September 24 · 10:30am - 12:30pm at Breezes Bar & Bistro <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/adf-member-resident-family-event-parent-kid-paint-chat-tickets-1653276116369?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

**Larrakeyah House Events.** See their Facebook page or [Larrakeyah Neighbourhood House - Home](#) for more upcoming events and activities at your local community house.

[Defence Kids](#) | [Kookaburra Kids](#) have an upcoming camp and an activity day. For more information or a referral to our local branch please see their website.

Jodie Murdoch DSM [jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov.au) 89813211

**Defence Family Helpline 18 00 624 608**



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# Visible Learning in the Classroom

Writing Focus

4 Rowe

Math Focus and Cooking and Gardening

5 Thompson and Year 4

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



**I have opportunities to have a say in the direction of the school and its education programs.**

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

**Answer online**

<https://bit.ly/larrakeyah21>

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



## RACHEL *DEALY*

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

I have been part of Larrakeyah Primary School for over eight years and have 16 years of experience working in Territory schools.

### **What is one part of your role that you really enjoy, and why do you think it makes a difference to the students or school?**


I enjoy the balance of working in both the early childhood classrooms and in the library/administration. I especially value working with small intervention groups—the most rewarding part is seeing students achieve their goals, which builds their confidence and helps them feel proud and motivated in their learning.

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

I love the variety each day brings, the students' energy and progress, and working alongside supportive teachers and leadership who share the same goal of helping students succeed.





A decorative border of tropical flowers and leaves surrounds the text. It includes pink and yellow hibiscus flowers, green palm fronds, and monstera leaves.

**TICKETS TO OUR  
WHOLE SCHOOL  
PRODUCTION OF  
MOANA ARE SELLING  
FAST. ALL STUDENTS  
WHO ARE  
PERFORMING MUST  
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ADULT IN THE  
AUDIENCE.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD  
TO SEEING YOU THERE  
ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER AND  
INVITE YOU TO COME  
DRESSED IN YOUR  
TROPICAL ATTIRE TO  
MATCH THE HAWAIIAN  
THEME OF MOANA.**



LARRAKEYAH  
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SCHOOL

# 2025

# ASPIRE PROGRAM

## FAMILY FEEDBACK

At Larrakeyah Primary, we are committed to continuous improvement and ensuring that our programs make a meaningful impact on our students' learning. To help us understand the impact of the ASPIRE program and guide its future direction, we invite families to share their feedback through a short survey.

Your insights will help us ensure the ASPIRE Program continues to support student learning, wellbeing and the development of future-focused skills.

[Click here to complete the ASPIRE Family Feedback Survey.](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community.







### 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](https://nt.gov.au/sport-vouchers) to get started
2. Register and apply for the voucher through [grantsnt.nt.gov.au](https://grantsnt.nt.gov.au)

### Need help?

Call us on **1800 817 860** or email [Sport.VoucherScheme@nt.gov.au](mailto:Sport.VoucherScheme@nt.gov.au)



[nt.gov.au/sport-vouchers](https://nt.gov.au/sport-vouchers)



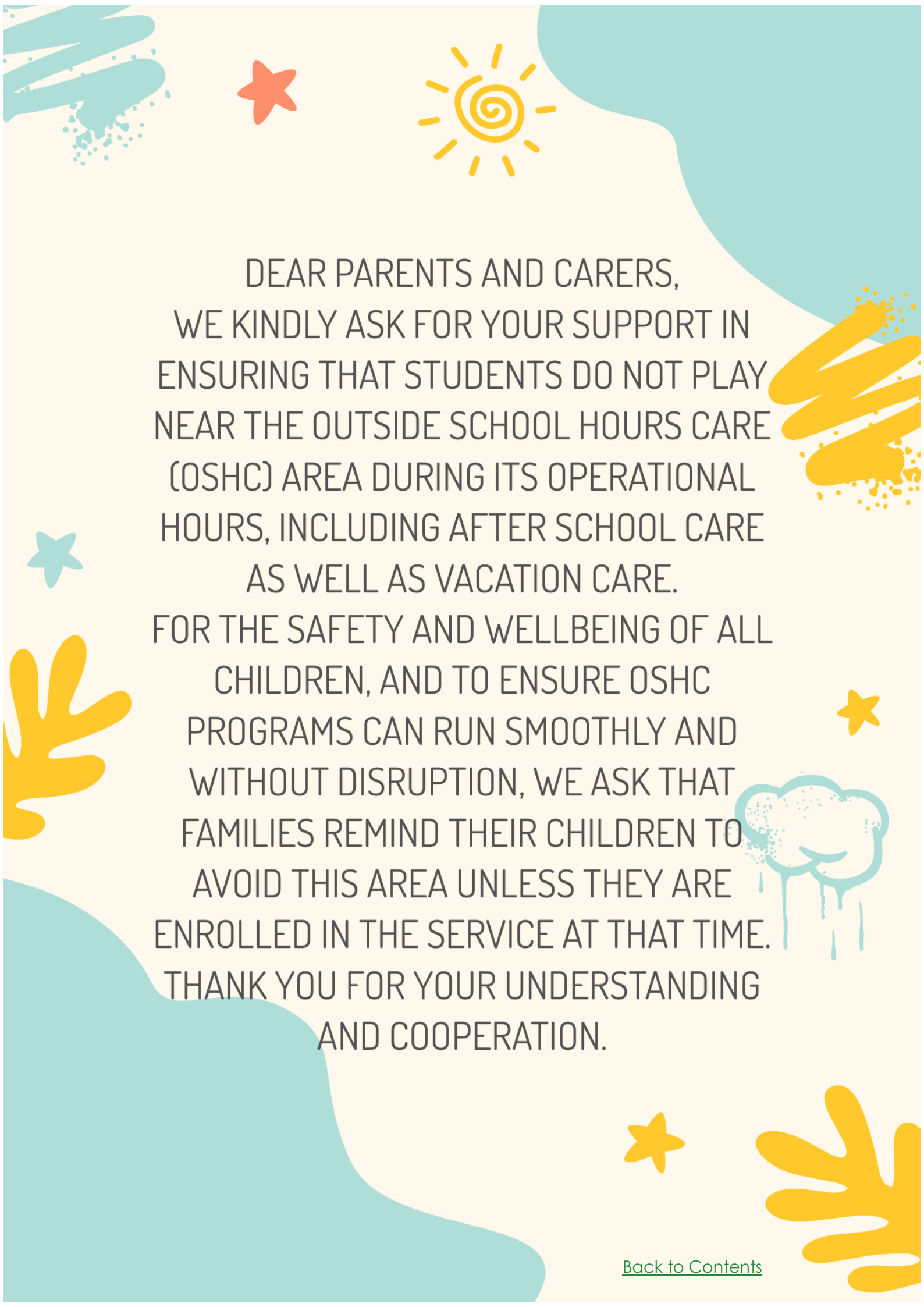
## Canteen Special Week 10



**Week 10 Wed 17 Sept**

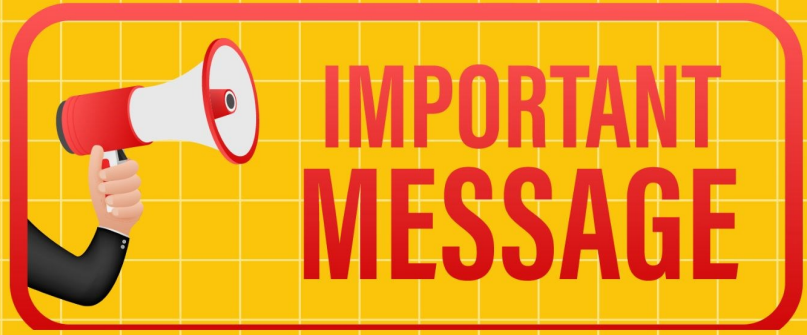
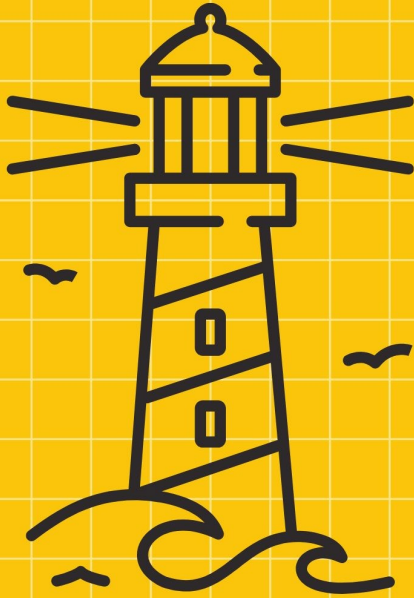
**Ham or Chicken Pizza with Garlic Bread  
\$6.00**





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.



# 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](mailto:danni.mattiazzo@education.nt.gov.au)

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