



Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been wonderful to see students return enthusiastically to school after the mid-semester break.

We ended last term on a high note with an outstanding school concert "Sail Away", another "next level" performance. The students were excellent. The main cast and extension dancers were superb. We were very proud of our students' achievements. Thank you to the staff for their organisation, particularly Mrs Vrettis and Mrs Mattiazzo. The audience could see the tremendous amount of work that goes into creating and coordinating a professional concert where our students excel. Thank you to the wonderful feedback that we have received from parents – much appreciated by staff.

Thank you to all parents for ensuring your child had the required costume. The standard of costumes for each class was amazing. Also, a special thanks to all parent volunteers who assisted with walking students to the AANT Centre for the rehearsals. Your support was greatly appreciated.

Parents particularly enjoyed the family photos with the "Sail Away" decorative theme created by All About Party Hire. Sincere thanks to parent Rusha Harper-Ceylani who volunteered the display as well as time in setting up to make our Sail Away concert memorable. The displays are always incredible and add that special 'wow' factor.

The production video will be available to purchase as a USB in a special gift tin and parents have been asked to pre-order. We are currently finalising this process.

We will soon be planning classes for 2027. To assist with our preparation, it would be appreciated if you can complete the attached form if your child will not be returning to Larrakeyah Primary next year.

Regards
Fathma Mauger
Principal



Enrolment at Larrakeyah Primary School in 2027

Please complete if your child/children **will not be** (other than year 6 students) attending Larrakeyah Primary School in 2027.

Return to the office by hard copy or email,
larrakeyah.admin@education.nt.gov.au as soon as possible.

My child /children **will not be** attending Larrakeyah Primary School in 2027.

<i>Names of child/children</i>	<i>Current Year Level/s</i>	<i>Destination</i>

Parent Name:

Parent Signature:

RECENT NOTES SENT HOME

- Year 4,5 & 6 Swimming Program



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



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

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Defence School Mentor

hello!

Welcome back to school for Term 4. It sounds like everyone had a great break. Hope you have had a chance to recharge your batteries for a busy term ahead. Term 4 has the fun of swimming lessons, please keep in mind that some students may find these days tiring and may require a little more fuel in their lunchboxes than usual, and some extra sleep. Make sure all items of clothing and towels have names on and check the lost property box at the side entrance of the admin block.

To our Defence School Community, we would like to acknowledge the tragic event that happened this week. Our thoughts are with those involved, and their families. We wish the injured soldiers a swift and full recovery. Challenging times [Helplines](#) | [ADF Members & Families](#) | [Defence](#)

This month is Mental Health Month, and Veterans Health Week, and National Nutrition week, so we will be having Twisty Tuesdays this month to encourage "Connect, Move, Nourish, Thrive 365" promoting healthy living and connection. Defence or non-Defence students bring a whole apple to the Buddy Bench on Tuesdays at recess, so I can turn it into an apple slinky for you to eat. Making healthy fun choices! See Mates4Mates and SoldierOn for other Veteran Health Week events for your ADF family.



Remembrance Day Commemorative Assembly, Wednesday 11 November 10:45am.
Remembrance Day Photo display needs new faces to join. If you have a special Defence person (past or present) who you would like to acknowledge for their service, please email a photo to jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov.au with some basic details like name, title/rank, service or any interesting info like deployments, so we can make them into a small plaque and include them in this year's Remembrance Day lawn photo display, so no one is forgotten whether it is a parent, great great grandparent etc, their contribution, sacrifice and service are part of your family military history.

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](#)

Parent Away – please remind me or your teacher when a parent is going away as it can allow us to support your child during this time. Absence from Home Packs, support and resources are now available from DMFS Darwin, you can contact the Darwin office directly on (08) 7971 9315 or via email dmfs.darwin@defence.gov.au DMFS links: [Resources for children](#) | [ADF Members & Families](#) | [Defence](#)

Defence Kids Club – for ADF students to hang out with fun and activities, at lunchtime on Thursdays in the Multi-purpose room behind the stage. This term focus will be preparation for moving, change and farewell, and of course fabric poppy making leading up to Remembrance Day.



Larrakeyah Neighbourhood House & Robertson Barracks Family Group will be resuming weekly activities. See more on their Facebook pages or websites for more info [Larrakeyah Neighbourhood House - Home & Welcome](#) | [Robertson Barracks Family Group](#) including the upcoming Halloween party.



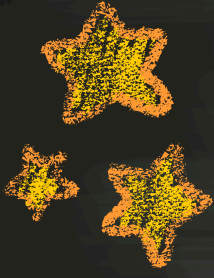
Cowork Coplay returns <https://coworkcoplay.com.au/nt-cowork-coplay-programs> 8-week program starts Monday 12 October, 9:30am to 12:30pm. Provides a positive environment for self-growth, career-development, networking, learning, peer support and connections with mentors and community leaders. Free for spouses/family members of current/former-serving ADF members. Includes interactive workshops and activities, time to network and self-directed pursuits, morning tea and creche-style childcare (0-5 year olds).



Jodie Murdoch DSM jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov.au 89813211
Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608

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VISIBLE LEARNING CLASSROOM



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Maths Focus

3 Collier



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TENNEILLE ROSS

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

This is my third year at Larrakeyah. I started out as the P.E. teacher and then made the move into Early Childhood, which has been a completely different adventure and one I've really enjoyed.

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

Definitely narrative writing and storytelling. I love getting into character, being dramatic and making writing feel exciting. There's nothing better than hearing the kids cheer when they find out they get to create their own stories and make their own books to share with their friends.

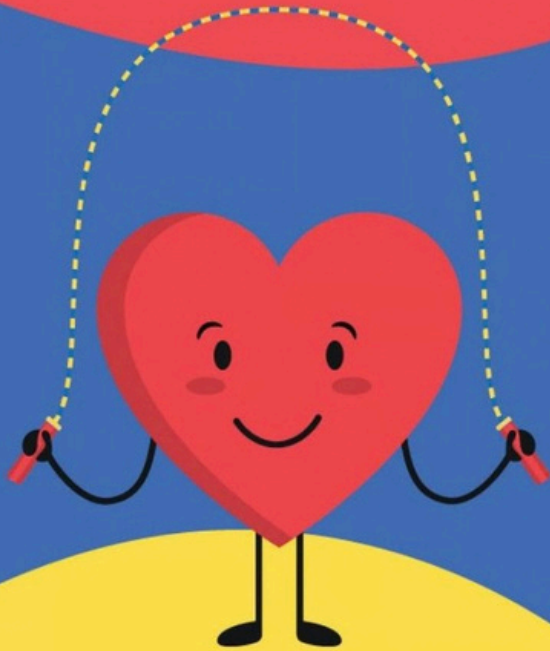
What's your favourite part about working with the students and staff at Larrakeyah Primary School?

One of my favourite things has been working with the House Captains and Vice Captains over the past two years. We've been involved in lots of different events and projects and I've loved seeing them become more confident, take charge and really grow into their leadership roles.



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JUMP ROPE *for* HEART



During Term 3, Larrakeyah Primary School took part in the Jump Rope for Heart program. Students across the school had the opportunity to develop their skipping skills and have lots of fun while being active.

Throughout the program, students participated in skipping activities during their Physical Education lessons and worked hard to learn new skills and tricks. The program also encouraged students to get involved in fundraising to support the Heart Foundation. We are incredibly proud to announce that our school raised an amazing **\$6,257** through the program! This is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful reflection of the effort and enthusiasm shown by our students and families.

A huge thank you to all the students who participated and to the families who supported their fundraising efforts. We finished the five-week program with a whole-school Skipping Day, celebrating everything the students had learnt and achieved throughout the term.



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Everyone can play!

2027 enrolments now open!

JOIN US FOR IN-SCHOOL LESSONS YEARS 4 - 12

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CHOIR AND VOICE



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EVERYONE CAN PLAY!

Northern Territory Music School invites students & families to apply for enrolment in our 2027 Instrumental and Choir Programs.

Who are we?

NT Music School is a proud division of the Northern Territory Department of Education and Training. We provide high-quality instrumental, ensemble, and choral tuition to students in government schools across the Territory.

What are the benefits?

Learning an instrument and singing nurtures creativity, improves academic performance, builds confidence, and strengthens social connections, as well as being rewarding and enjoyable. We invite your child to begin their musical journey with us in 2027.

How does it work?

Open to students in Year 4 – Year 12. Students receive a 30-minute lesson each week during school hours with an NT Music School teacher. Students are expected to play and practise at home to develop technique, music reading and performance skills. The Choir Program is offered by audition, with weekly rehearsals held after school.

What does the program offer?

Instrumental lessons in guitar, bass guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, violin, viola, cello and percussion. Voice lessons in Years 7 – 12. An opportunity to join School Concert Bands & Guitar Ensembles and participate in school performances and community events such as the BEAT Festival!

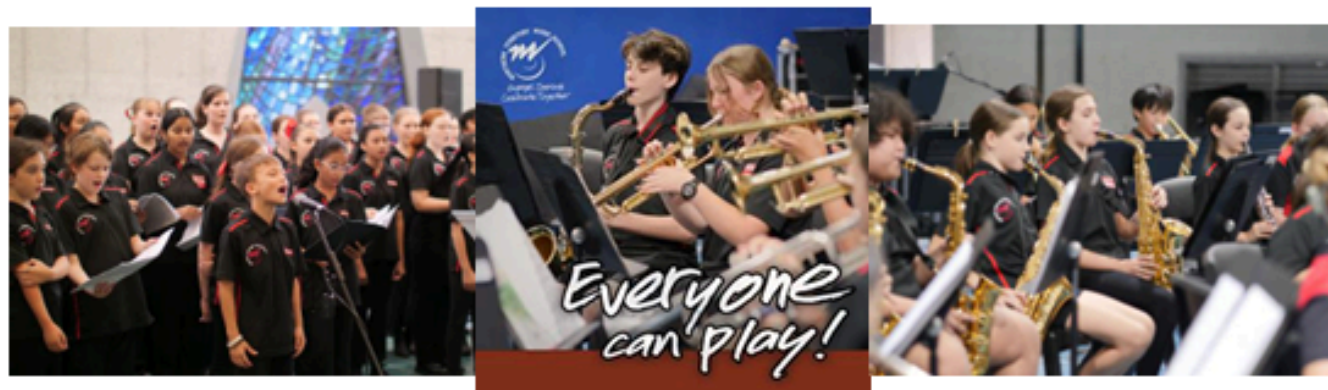
What will it cost?

Lessons are free. Instruments are available for hire through NT Music School from \$100 per semester. Sports Vouchers accepted to assist with instrument hire costs. Students are required to purchase a tutor book from \$30. A voluntary annual contribution of \$100 is requested upon confirmed enrolment.

How can I apply?

To learn more and apply, visit NT Music School website: www.ntms.net.au Select and complete an online Application Form for Instrumental or Choir and Voice programs.

Applications close 6 November 2026



Ensembles

Northern Territory Music School offers a vibrant after-school ensemble program welcoming students from Year 4 to Year 12. Please note that entry requirements vary across ensembles.

Da Capo – Beginning Concert Band

Con Moto – Intermediate Concert Band

Apogee – Senior Concert Band

Synchronicity – Choir

Pure Note – Advanced Choir

String Theory – Guitar Ensemble

Rock School – Contemporary Ensemble

Our ensemble program is designed to strengthen and expand the musicianship of students through regular collaborative practice and public performance opportunities. Playing and performing with others is one of the most powerful ways students can apply what they have learned in lessons and refine their skills through real music experiences.

An annual fee of \$100 is charged for each ensemble.



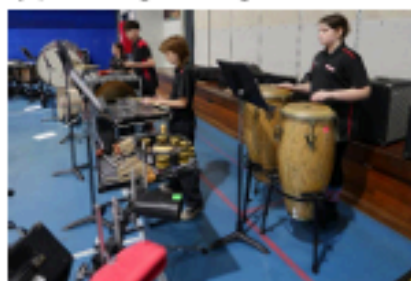
Events

At NT Music School, we're committed to nurturing student growth and celebrating musical achievement through enriching performance opportunities across the Northern Territory.

BEAT Festival – A spectacular annual performing arts showcase that brings together choirs, orchestras, dance groups, rock bands, soloists, vocalists, and ensembles in a dynamic celebration of talent and creativity.

Ensembles Showcase Concerts – A vibrant celebration marking the culmination of a year's dedication and hard work of our young musicians. These concerts feature polished performances by student ensembles, including concert bands, choirs, guitar ensemble.

Community Performances – Our ensembles frequently perform at local events, bringing a musical experience to the community and providing students with valuable opportunities to share their talents beyond the classroom. These performances cultivate confidence, foster community engagement, and celebrate the joy of making music together.

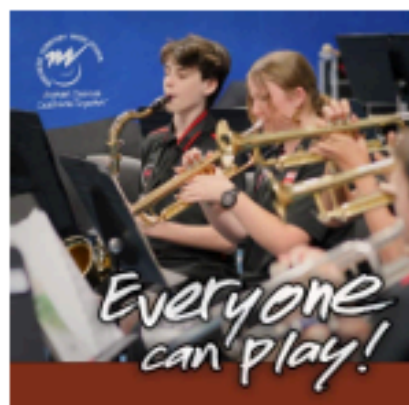


NT MUSIC SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL, CHOIR, VOICE and ENSEMBLE PROGRAM

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nt.musicschool@education.nt.gov.au



Welcome to NT Music School

Our motto: 'Everyone Can Play'

Our mission is to provide students in NT Government Schools with the opportunity to engage in music education. We offer vibrant and practical programs led by skilled teachers, including participation in school ensembles and choirs, as well as access to school support services across remote, regional, and urban communities. Students also have the chance to perform in a range of exciting public events.

Our values are:

Engage, Improve, Celebrate, Together.

The Power of Music Education

Every child deserves access to a high-quality music education. Across the Northern Territory, we're proud to contribute to a vibrant cultural landscape - shaped by passionate students, dedicated educators, and strong partnerships with schools, artists, and organisations.

Music is a universal language. It fosters creativity, emotional expression, and collaboration. It strengthens learning in literacy, numeracy, and beyond, while helping us connect with the world through cultural understanding and shared experiences. Music has been woven into the fabric of human life across all cultures and generations. At NT Music School, we celebrate its enduring power and impact every day.



Instrumental Choir & Voice Program

Our programs provide enriching musical opportunities for students from Year 4 to Year 12. The Instrumental program is delivered at your child's school. Students participate in 30-minute weekly lessons during class time with a qualified NT Music School teacher. Lessons are offered in Guitar, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Violin, Viola, Cello and Percussion. Instruments are available for hire through NT Music School from \$100 per semester. Sports Vouchers accepted to assist with instrument hire costs. Students are also required to purchase a tutor book from \$30.

Voice lessons are offered to students in Year 7 – 12. The choir program is by audition and rehearsals are held after-school.

Students also have the opportunity to perform at school events, in school ensembles or one of our after-school ensembles and to access NT Music School events such as the BEAT Festival and other community events.



How to Apply

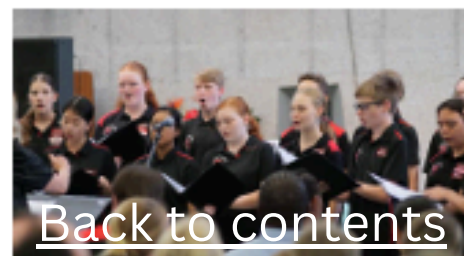
To enrol your child in the Instrumental or Choir and Voice Program, please visit NT Music School website www.ntms.net.au and complete the online application form for instrumental or choir.

Instruments and group availability are determined by the number of applications received. Due to high demand, placements are offered on a 'first-in' basis. Some students may be placed on a waiting list.

At the beginning of Term 1, NT Music School teachers will meet with participating students. Information regarding assigned instrumental teacher, instrument hire, and payment information will be provided. Weekly lessons are free for all students. A \$100 voluntary annual contribution is requested upon your child's placement in the program to support the delivery of services.

For further information or assistance contact NT Music School on 8963 5550

nt.musicschool@education.nt.gov.au



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Students welcome from Transition - Year 12

We offer the following after-school language classes:

Monday: Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish
Tuesday: Auslan, German, Greek, Indonesian, Italian
Wednesday: French, Mandarin, Russian
Saturday: Mandarin (10:00am - 12:30pm)

Join us
now

Mon-Wed - 3:30pm - 5:30pm
Sat - 10:00am - 12:30pm
Sport Vouchers welcome

Contact: 08 8997 7000 | dlc.nt@education.nt.gov.au

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Respect and Responsibility in Schools

Expected behaviours

These expectations apply to everyone on school grounds.

Staff

- Supervise students actively and support safe movement while modelling calm, professional and inclusive behaviour
- Foster a safe, welcoming environment that values all students' diverse backgrounds and abilities
- Maintain confidentiality and share relevant information appropriately to support student success.

Students

- Be kind, respectful and responsible
- Follow instructions and move safely around the school
- Use respectful language and behaviour in person and online
- Care for shared spaces, resources, and our school environment
- Come ready to learn and use tech responsibly
- Ask for help when you need it - we are here to support you.

Parents & Carers

- Communicate calmly and respectfully with school staff and families, in person, online and over the phone
- Support your child's attendance, wellbeing and learning, including safe and responsible technology use
- Raise concerns through the appropriate channels in a calm and constructive way
- Work in partnership with the school to support your child's success.

Visitors & Contractors

- Act safely and respectfully at all times
- Respect the privacy of students, staff and families
- Help maintain a welcoming environment.

How we work together: Be There. Be Safe. Belong.
These three cues help everyone remember what matters most:
show up, act safely and help each other feel included.



To find out more,
scan the QR Code

Respect and Responsibility in Schools

Our shared expectations

Respect and responsibility are the foundation of safe and strong schools. School communities thrive when there is trust, connections and shared responsibilities.

Through respectful and responsible behaviour our school is safe and inclusive, every child is known, valued and supported to reach their full potential.

With strong partnerships and a culture of kindness, responsibility, and respectful communication, we strengthen belonging, wellbeing, attendance and learning.

Purpose

This framework outlines how we are respectful and responsible, creating safe and inclusive school communities for everyone.

Applies to

Staff, students, parents and carers, volunteers, contractors and visitors.

We are committed to:

1

Safety & wellbeing

In our schools:

- Everyone has the right to feel safe
- We act in ways that keep ourselves and others safe
- We respond early to concerns and support each other.

2

Respect

- We treat others with dignity, kindness and fairness
- We use clear, calm and respectful language.

3

Responsibility

- We take responsibility for our actions and choices
- We maintain high, yet achievable standards and support others to do the same
- We act with honesty and integrity
- We raise concerns in ways that support positive outcomes.

4

Partnership

- We work together to support student attendance, wellbeing and learning
- We remove barriers so children and adults can participate fully
- We share information clearly and respectfully
- We support each other to solve problems.

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Uniform Policy

Larrakeyah Primary School's Uniform Expectations



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

NO MOBILE PHONES OR PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES



Students in Northern Territory Government Schools are not permitted to use mobile phones or personal digital devices during the school day, including break times. This requirement reduces distractions and disruptions to learning, encourages social interaction and physical activity, and helps to create a safe environment free from cyberbullying and online content.

This means that students are not permitted to have mobile phones or digital devices in their possession during the school day. Phones need to be handed in to the class teacher at the start of the day.

Breaches of this policy will result in phones being confiscated from students.

Thank you for your support in reinforcing this expectation.

NO TOYS AND VALUABLES

Please note that we kindly ask families to avoid sending students to school with toys or valuable items, including smart watches, as these can easily be misplaced or damaged during the school day.

Any items brought to school remain the responsibility of the student, and the school is unable to accept responsibility for items that are lost or damaged.

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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL BUS AND FERRY TRAVEL

All Northern Territory (NT) primary and secondary school students can use the ferry and school bus network to travel to and from school.

To ensure that this travel is safe and enjoyable for everyone, the code of conduct must be followed.

Parents are reminded of the code of conduct for school bus travel, and the code of conduct for ferry travel. Please discuss this with your child.

For more information on ferry services and the school bus network, including bus routes and timetables, visit the Northern Territory Government website.

SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL

This is a friendly reminder that routes 103 and 209 will not service bus stop #70 (outside Woolworths) due to traffic congestion and ongoing anti-social behaviour in the area.

Students are to use bus stop #71 (outside St Mary's School) on Cavenagh Street both in the morning and afternoon.

[Larrakeyah Primary School - Bus Routes](#)

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

[Rules for catching a School Bus](#)

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.



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