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Flexible Education Directory



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Acronyms	Full form
JBAC	Jarrdimba Bayamuku Aboriginal Corporation
KFLEC	Katherine Flexible Learning and Engagement Centre
KITES	Kids in Town Engagement in School
NT	Northern Territory
NTSDE	Northern Territory School of Distance Education
PYSC	Palmerston Youth Skills Centre
TESFOL	Top End School of Flexible Learning

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1. Acknowledgement of Country

This directory has been developed on Larrakia Country. The authors of this directory acknowledge the Larrakia people as the Traditional Custodians of the Darwin region and pay our respects to Larrakia elders past, present, and emerging.

The authors of this directory also acknowledge all Aboriginal people and pay our respects to ancestors, elders and Aboriginal communities of the Northern Territory (NT) and recognise they are the custodians of the land on which we work, live, learn and engage.



2. Chief Executive's foreword

The NT Education Engagement Strategy underpins our intention to do a better job of listening to what communities and families are telling us – and putting them at the centre of decisions about how to educate their children. Complementing this work is the recent implementation of the [Quality Standards Framework for Flexible Education Programs](#)¹ which will guide schools and flexible education program providers to consider what high quality flexible education looks like. It will also support the planning and development of culturally responsive, inclusive programs that embrace diversity. This is about inclusion for all students in all schools and flexible education programs.

The Flexible Education Directory (Directory) is a tool that will support identification and understanding of the flexible education programs and learning pathways currently available outside of mainstream schooling. It is intended to be used by a broad range of end users including schools, parents, corporate staff and other government agencies. The Directory includes program and service information and key contact details for a range of programs across the NT and will be updated regularly to inform staff and stakeholders of the services and support available to young people in the Territory.

3. Flexible Education Providers

3.1. Alekareng School Work Experience Pathway Project (WEPP)

The Alekareng School Work Experience Pathway Project (WEPP) is for students enrolled at Alekareng School to establish a pathway to employment on the nearby Desert Springs Farm and on the Aboriginal Land Economic Development Agency's proposed horticultural developments on the Warrabri and Iliyarne Aboriginal Land Trusts. It was established to bring disengaged Alekareng School students (years 10-12) back into engagement with education. The intention of the WEPP is to prepare students for work in the community, regionally and Territory wide.

Referral of students to WEPP is through Alekareng School. Support is also provided by the NT Department of Education.

Contact: Principal

Phone: (08) 8964 1957 or 0438 847 470

Email: admin.alekacec@education.nt.gov.au

¹ <https://education.nt.gov.au/publications/quality-standards-framework-for-flexible-education-programs>

3.2. Alice Outcomes

Alice Outcomes is a flexible education program delivered by Centralian Senior College with enrolment open to students in years 10, 11 and 12 from all schools across Alice Springs. The program provides opportunities to young people who have become disengaged from mainstream schooling to undertake accredited education in a supportive environment that maximises their chances of achieving success.

The program includes the 'Young Mothers Strong Mothers' program which supports expectant and new mums to continue their education.

Referral of students to Alice Outcomes is through Centralian Senior College and key stakeholders and is supported by the NT Department of Education.

Contact: Program organiser

Address: 7 Kempe Street, Alice Springs, NT

Phone: (08) 8958 5077 or 0427 167 806

Email: aliceoutcomes.office@education.nt.gov.au

3.3. Alice Springs Follow the Dream (Polly Farmer Foundation)

The Alice Springs Follow the Dream program caters to Centralian Middle School Aboriginal students who have good attendance (a minimum of 85% at their school) and have shown academic potential and enthusiasm at school.

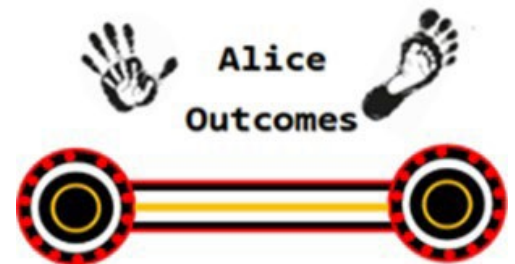
It is delivered on-site at the Centralian Middle School and Centralian Senior College and provides students a seamless transition from middle school to senior school. Students who take part in the program have access to tutors with many areas of expertise, and they are supported in establishing strong learning skills and academic success and to learn about a wide range of training and employment options in the local area.

Students engage with the Alice Springs Follow the Dream program by directly signing up with the program.

Contact: Program Coordinator

Phone: (08) 8958 5000 or 0402 427 833

Email: pff@pff.com.au or john.cooper@education.nt.gov.au (Centralian Senior College)
hamish.mcloughlin@education.nt.gov.au (Centralian Middle School)



**Polly
Farmer
Foundation**

3.4. Back on Track

The Back on Track program helps at-risk young people understand the impacts of their anti-social or offending behaviour on themselves, their family, and their community.

The program provides a sentencing option for the judiciary under the Youth Justice Act 2005 and a referral option for Police, government agencies and non-government organisations. The program is for young people who are engaging in behaviour that places them at significant risk of physical or emotional harm and that may affect community safety.



The program is for young people aged 8 to 17 years who live in Alice Springs, greater Darwin, Katherine, Nhulunbuy, and Tennant Creek.

Young people can be referred through key stakeholders, including government agencies and non-government organisations. The court can also sentence a young person to the program as an alternative to detention.

Completion of a consent form and referral form will be required and can be accessed at: [Back on Track alternative sentencing and youth diversion program | Youth Justice – Northern Territory Government](#)².

For referral, please contact the Back on Track team at Territory Families, Housing and Communities.

Back on Track

Contact: Senior Program Officer

Phone: 8999 2827 (Cristel Lyons)

Email: TFHC.BackOnTrack@nt.gov.au or cristel.lyons@nt.gov.au

3.5. Clontarf

The Clontarf Foundation is delivered in all regions across the NT to support the engagement of Aboriginal young men to complete year 12. Programs support social and emotional wellbeing of students through mentorship, guidance, and fellowship to build self-esteem and confidence in their ability.

The Clontarf Foundation operates academies for Aboriginal boys in 20 NT government schools:

1. Casuarina Senior College
2. Centralian Middle School
3. Centralian Senior College
4. Dripstone Middle School
5. Driver Primary School
6. West Arnhem College – Gunbalanya
7. Haileybury Rendall School
8. Jabiru Area School
9. Katherine High School
10. Moulden Park Primary School
11. Nhulunbuy High School
12. Nightcliff Middle School
13. Palmerston College 7-9 campus
14. Palmerston College 10-12 campus
15. Sanderson Middle School



² <https://www.youthjustice.nt.gov.au/initiatives/back-track-alternative-sentencing-and-youth-diversion-program>

- 16. Taminmin College
- 17. Tennant Creek Primary School
- 18. Tennant Creek High School
- 19. Yirara College
- 20. Yirrkala School

Referral is through the relevant school and the Clontarf Foundation.

Contact: Program organiser

Phone: 0439 400 213

Email: ltoner@clontarffoundation.com.au

3.6. JBAC Youth Diversion Camp

Jarrdimba Bayamuku Aboriginal Corporation delivers intensive short and long-term youth work camps at Seven Emu Station, an outback property near Borroloola. The program provides structured intervention activities for young people in contact with, or at risk of, being involved with the youth justice system.

With a focus on building young people's cultural knowledge and identity, understanding of consequences, development of personal responsibility, work ethic and problem-solving skills, the camps also provide intensive intervention to enhance the resilience of young people, and provide a solid foundation to



improve their life skills and employment opportunities. There is also a focus on practical learning, Vocational Education and Training, and work programs such as land management, tourism, construction and managing an organic cattle station.

Young people aged between 14 and 17 years of age who are at risk of leaving school, committing criminal offences, or not realising their full potential, can be referred to the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities (TFHC) coordinated assessment panel for long term camps.

Parents and relatives of at-risk young people, NT Government agencies and service providers can refer a young person to the program. The referral panel will assess the eligibility of young people for the youth training and work pathways camp.

Contact: Youth Justice Programs

Phone: (08) 8944 2188

Email: TFHC.YouthCommunityPrograms@nt.gov.au



3.7. Juno Centre

Juno is an agricultural training centre that provides a flexible education pathway for students in the Barkly region. Programs include sports (horse riding), arts, social and emotional learning, culture, language, and learning on country. Nationally accredited courses provided include Certificate II in Rural Operations and Certificate II in Horse Care.

The centre provides opportunities for students to engage with tailored programs to suit their needs and interests, including education engagement models to increase and improve support for middle and senior secondary students with the objective for them to return to mainstream schooling or progress to employment or training.

The Juno Centre supports a range of NT schools and their students to access accredited programs and training delivered at the centre. The current focus cohort of the Juno Centre is students in years 10, 11 and 12.

Referral to Juno Centre is made by the referring school or organisation through the online booking system on the Juno Centre website: [Juno Centre - Make a booking \(ntschoools.net\)](https://www.juno.ntschoools.net/)³.

Contact: Program manager

Phone: (08) 8962 2102 or 0434 508 767

Email: juno.admin@education.nt.gov.au

3.8. Katherine Flexible Learning and Engagement centre (KFLEC)

KFLEC provides a tailored experience for students in years 7 to 12 who are disengaged from education. The program incorporates the Australian Curriculum General Capabilities, Certificate I in Functional Literacy and appropriate elements of the Employment Pathways Curriculum designed for English as a Second Language students.

Referral to KFLEC is in partnership with Katherine High School and key stakeholders, including the NT Department of Education.

Contact: Assistant Principal

Phone: (08) 8973 8209 or 0476 777 509

Email: kflec.katherine@education.nt.gov.au

Address: Lot 1143, 5 Kintore Street, Katherine, NT 0850.



3.9. Kids in Town Engagement in School (KITES)

KiTES is a flexible education program aimed at supporting families visiting Alice Springs for a short period of time to access education. The program operates out of Sadadeen Primary School and provides continuity of learning for primary school students who come into Alice Springs for personal or family reasons, so that they do not become disengaged from schooling.

Transport can be made available and is subject to eligibility criteria and principal discretion.

Contact: Principal

Phone: 08 8955 2299 or 0408 123 283

Email: sadadeen@education.nt.gov.au or jenny.buckley@education.nt.gov.au

Address: 80 Spearwood Road, Alice Springs, NT 0870.



³ https://www.juno.ntschoools.net/?page_id=113

3.10. Mimik-Ga Centre

Mimik-Ga Centre is a learning hub to support children with additional needs. The centre offers early intervention and learning services for children aged up to 12 years of age for the Autism program, CommAut, as well as the Families as First Teachers (FaFT) program.

Referral to the CommAut program is through the NT Department of Education. Specialists and other key stakeholders are included in the referral and assessment process, including paediatricians and Royal Darwin Hospital staff. FaFT referral is through the Director and will need to be supported by evidence of eligibility.

Contact: Director

Phone: (08) 8983 7900 or 0404 064 877

Email: admin.mimik-ga@education.nt.gov.au



3.11. Shepherdson College Mobile School

The Shepherdson College Mobile School operates during school hours in cooperation with the Galiwinku community. It was created to cater to the unique needs of Aboriginal students and incorporate a culturally responsive framework by taking the teacher to the class, rather than the class to the teacher.

Referral is through the Principal of Shepherdson College and in consultation with the Galiwinku Aboriginal community.

Contact: Principal

Email: principal.shepherdson@education.edu.au or alex.hortle@education.nt.gov.au

Phone: (08) 8987 9044



3.12. NT School of Distance Education (NTSDE)

The role of the NTSDE is to provide senior secondary education for students unable to physically attend NT schools, to extend the curriculum available to students attending both NT government and non-government schools, and for a range of other reasons. Students may enrol as full-time or part-time and may be school-aged or mature aged. Students who wish to enrol can make inquiries directly with the NTSDE.

Contact: Principal

Phone: 1800 062 235 or (08) 8922 2222

Email: ntsde.admin@education.nt.gov.au



3.13. Operation Flinders Wilderness Camp

Operation Flinders is a program designed to support at-risk and vulnerable young people and to divert them away from the youth justice system through an 8-day wilderness camp.



The program aims to reduce offending, substance use and at-risk behaviour, increase educational and vocational engagement, improve cultural connectedness and identity, and enhance health and wellbeing.

Referral is made by a Youth Outreach Team from the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities (TFHC). If approved, the children travel to South Australia to undertake the program.

Contact: Program Coordinator (Brendan)

Phone: 0433 073 042

Email: braets@operationflinders.org

3.14. Owen Springs Education Centre

Owen Springs Education Centre is a school for young people in Central Australia remanded in custody or serving a period of incarceration. The focus is to provide students with an education program that is designed to deliver learning outcomes that meet individual needs and interests, including academic, recreational and life skills. Owen Springs Education Centre employs a trauma informed care-based model that facilitates the transition from detention to educational settings including mainstream schooling for those young people exiting detention.

Students are enrolled through internal processes and in cooperation with the NT Department of Education and the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities (TFHC).

Contact: Principal

Phone: (08) 8951 8911 or 0400 520 048

Email: owen.springs1@education.nt.gov.au



3.15. Palmerston Youth Drop-In Centre

The Palmerston Youth Drop-in Centre offers free after school activities, school holiday programs and late evening activities. Weekly Girls nights are delivered every Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm and Boys nights are delivered every Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm.



On school days, the Youth Space welcomes youth aged 10 to 20 to relax in a safe, supervised environment. There is a range of free after school social, educational, and recreational activities, including computers for homework and recreational use; various Xbox games and PSP games; ping pong tables and pool tables; Hip Hop workshops; Art and Craft making; and Discos.

Engage students with this service through direct contact with the YMCA.

Contact: Program manager

Phone: 0417 493 748

Email: youth.nt@ynt.org.au

Address: 31 Tilston Avenue, Moulden, Palmerston

3.16. Palmerston Youth Skills Centre (PSYC)

PYSC equips young people with life and employment skills with up to 75 students attending vocational education and training programs each day. Courses include engineering, construction, electro-communications, automotive and hospitality with try- a-trade offered in each of these areas.

Referrals to the program can be through schools,

Back-on-Track providers, employment service providers, community groups, and self-referrals.

Contact: Manager

Phone: (08) 8999 5778

Email: pysc.doe@education.nt.gov.au

Address: 42 McCourt Road, Yarrowonga, NT 0830



3.17. Remote Sports Academy

WANTA staff work with upper primary and secondary students to increase school attendance and improve educational outcomes and youth transition to vocational opportunities. This is achieved through the provision of sport, recreation, and cultural activities. The Remote Sports Academy operates in the following communities: Arlparra, Gapuwiyak, Kalkaringi, Lajamanu, Ngukurr School, Ntaria, Papunya, and Yuendumu.

Referral and participation is managed by the principals of the above 8 schools.

Contact: Program manager (Henly Taka)

Phone: 0422 672 492

Email: henlytaka@wantaac.org



3.18. St Joseph's Catholic Flexible Learning Centre

St Joseph's Catholic Flexible Learning Centre provides a full-time and multi-year middle and high school education and social inclusion program for young people who have disengaged from mainstream education.

The centre offers specialised support through 2 outreach programs specifically designed to cater for the high support needs of young people who have been involved in the youth justice system and have a broad range of complex education and social needs. The St Joseph's Catholic Flexible Learning Centre responds with a variety of flexible and innovative social inclusion and learning experiences.

It is an initiative of Edmund Rice Education Australia and is part of the Oscar Romero Flexi Schools Network offering a full-time and multi-year secondary education and social inclusion program for young people disenfranchised from mainstream structures.

The underpinning foundation of this program is Edmund Rice charism which highlights the primary of God (presence), cultivates a communal ethic of care (compassion), and is committed to humanised action based on justice (liberation).

Referral is undertaken directly by the parents, or if a child is in care, then by case workers from the TFHC, or other service providers through the school principal who decides whether to enrol the young person.

Contact: Principal

Phone: (08) 8929 3900 or 0408 568 357

Email: stjosephsasflc@ereafsn.edu.au or sjcflc@ereafsn.edu.au



3.19. Stars Foundation

The Stars Foundation is delivered in all regions across the NT and is aimed at supporting young Aboriginal women to complete year 12. Program elements include social and emotional wellbeing support through mentorship, guidance, and fellowship to build self-esteem and confidence in student ability. The Stars Foundation operates academies for Aboriginal girls in 16 NT schools:



1. Sanderson Middle School
2. Dripstone Middle School
3. Nightcliff Middle School
4. Casuarina Senior College
5. Moulden Park Primary
6. Driver Primary
7. Palmerston College (7-9), Palmerston College (10-12)
8. Centralian Middle School
9. Centralian Senior College
10. Jabiru Area School
11. Katherine High School
12. Nhulunbuy High School
13. Taminmin College
14. Tennant Creek Primary School
15. Tennant Creek High School
16. Yirrkala School

Referral is through the school principal in cooperation with the parents of referred students and other key stakeholders.

Contact: Regional Manager

Phone: 1300 886 411 or 0439 440 611

Email: ivallejo@starsfoundation.org.au

3.20. Sunset School

Sunset school delivers culturally responsive and inclusive activities for youth in Elcho Island and in Alice Springs. The program operates outside school hours, generally in the afternoons and evenings with the option of weekends, holidays, and special events. Sunset school includes cultural activities, sporting activities; including soccer and Australian rules football, and extra-curricular activities such as cooking classes.

Engagement with this program is through the school principal.

Shepherdson College Sunset School

Contact: Principal

Phone: (08) 8987 5633

Email: principal.shepherdson@education.edu.au

Yipirinya Sunset School

Contact: Principal

Phone: 08 8952 5633

Email: yipirinya@yipirinya.com.au



Yipirinya School
teaching two ways

3.21. Tennant Creek Flexible Learning Centre

The Tennant Creek Flexible Learning Centre is a flexible program for engaging year 7 to 12 students who are disengaged or at risk of disengagement. There are 2 separate flexible education classes, a year 7 to 9 class and a year 10 to 12 class. The students taking part in this alternative program attend on a modified timetable according to their interests, ability, and family/friendship groups.

Referral to the program is through the school principal who works in cooperation with the NT Department of Education.

Contact: Principal

Phone: (08) 8962 2102 or 0434 508 767

Email: admin.tchs@education.nt.gov.au



Tennant Creek High School

3.22. Tennant Creek Mob Aboriginal Corporation

Tennant Creek Mob Aboriginal Corporation offers a youth diversion program by providing young people with interventions and alternatives to detention programs in the Barkly region including the township of Tennant Creek and the communities of Ali Curung and Elliott.

Engagement of young people is based on whether a student has had interactions with the youth justice system.

Referral is through NT Police or the youth court.

Contact: Program manager

Phone: 0499 800 975

Email: admin@tcmob.com.au

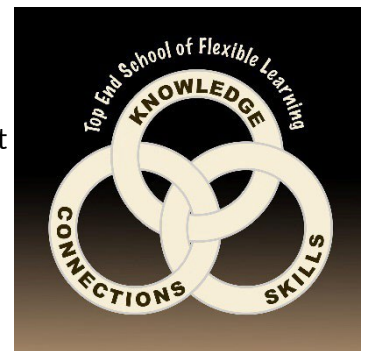


3.23. Top End School of Flexible Learning (TESOFL)

TESOFL is a flexible education program for secondary school aged students. There are 3 campus locations: Malak, Palmerston and Tivendale (located at the Don Dale Youth Detention Centre).

The school provides a range of flexible options to support students in their next steps, which may include support to return to mainstream school, work experience, training and/or support to find employment.

Referral to TESFOL is through the school principal and in consultation with Student Engagement Programs and Services business unit of the NT Department of Education.



<p>TESoFL (Malak Campus)</p> <p>Contact: Principal</p> <p>Phone: (08) 899 77199 0457 519 030</p> <p>Email: tesofl.doe@education.nt.gov.au</p>	<p>TESoFL (Tivendale Campus)</p> <p>Contact: Principal</p> <p>Phone: (08) 8999 5910</p> <p>Email: tesofl.doe@education.nt.gov.au</p>
<p>TESoFL (Palmerston Campus)</p> <p>Contact: Head of Campus</p> <p>Phone: (08) 8983 7924</p> <p>Email: tesofl.doe@education.nt.gov.au</p>	<p>TESoFL (Youth Inpatient)</p> <p>Contact: Senior Teacher</p> <p>Phone: (08) 8997 719</p> <p>Email: tesofl.doe@education.nt.gov.au</p>

3.24. Flexi (previously Utnege Program)

Flexi is a flexible learning program delivered by Centralian Middle School. The program comprises of 2 classes: 1 for students with significant mental health issues precluding their ongoing participation in mainstream education, and 1 for students who have essentially never attended a mainstream town school. The goal of both classes is to re-engage students with formal and mainstream education.

Students are engaged with Flexi through consultation with the Centralian Middle School principal and other relevant stakeholders including parents and caregivers and the NT Department of Education.

Contact: Principal

Phone: (08) 8951 1670 or 0408 089 823

Email: centralian.middle@education.nt.gov.au



3.25. YiSSA

The YiSSA program supports the engagement of children and young people in learning who are also staying at Yilli Housing short-stay accommodation. The program assists with building relationships and educational expectations among residents of the shelter. Working in partnership with Karama Primary School, the program provides transition pathways for young people into mainstream schooling.

Engagement of students with the program is by direct referral to YiSSA and key stakeholders, including the NT Department of Education.

Contact: Program manager

Phone: (08) 8935 0150 or 0407 893 130

Email: yissa1@yillihousing.com.au



Contact: Principal Karama Primary School

Phone: (08) 8983 7700

Email: karama.school@education.nt.gov.au