

Flexible Education Directory

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1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Department of Education and Training has developed this directory 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 and Torres Strait Islander peoples 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

This 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 programs and services 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. Centralian Flexible Learning

Centralian Flexible Learning is a flexible education program delivered by Centralian Senior College with enrolment open to students in years 10, 11 and 12.

The program supports young people who have trouble engaging with schooling by providing flexible accredited educational programs in a safe environment that maximises their chances of achieving success.

You can refer students to Centralian Flexible Learning through Centralian Senior College which is supported by the NT Department of Education and Training.

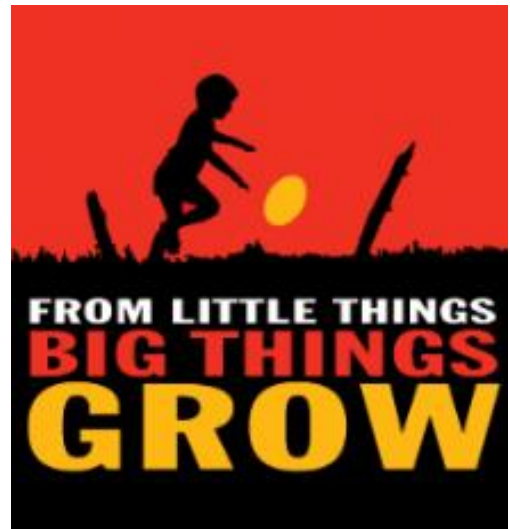
Contact: Assistant Principal Flexible Learning – John Bradbury
Address: 7 Kempe Street, Alice Springs, NT
Phone: (08) 8958 5077 or 0427 167 806
Email: admin.centraliansc@education.nt.gov.au

3.2. 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.

The Clontarf Foundation operates academies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander male students in 18 government schools and 2 non-government schools in the NT:

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



You can make referrals through the relevant school and the Clontarf Foundation.

Contact: Program organiser / Zone Manager
Phone: 0439 400 213
Email: ltoner@clontarffoundation.com.au

3.3. CMS Flexi

CMS Flexi is a flexible learning program delivered by Centralian Middle School. The program caters for students who have been disengaged from education for extended periods of time and those with significant social and emotional support needs in the school setting. The goal is to re-engage students with education and pathways.

Students engage with CMS Flexi through consultation with Centralian Middle School leadership and relevant stakeholders including families, community agencies and the Department of Education and Training.



Contact: Principal
Phone: (08) 8955 2333
Email: centralian.middle@education.nt.gov.au

3.4. Follow the Dream (Polly Farmer Foundation)

The Polly Farmer Foundation (PFF) Follow the Dream is a voluntary program supporting the aspirations of Aboriginal students to successfully complete their primary and secondary schooling. It is delivered on-site at several primary and secondary schools in Alice Springs and Groote Eylandt to provide students a seamless transition from middle school to senior school.

Follow the Dream program targeting secondary schools specifically caters for students at Centralian Middle School, Centralian Senior College and St Phillips College, who have good attendance at their school and have shown academic potential, aspiration and enthusiasm at school.



Students in the program have access to tutors with expertise in varied subjects, helping them establish strong learning skills and achieve academic success. Student also learn about a wide range of local training and employment options.

Students engage with Follow the Dream program by directly signing up with the relevant program coordinator.

Polly Farmer Foundation Follow the Dream engages with students from the following schools.

Bradshaw Primary School
 Larapinta Primary School*
 Braitling Primary School
 Sadadeen Primary School*
 Centralian Middle School
 Centralian Senior School
 St Phillips College

*Students at Larapinta Primary School can join through Bradshaw Primary School and those at Sadadeen Primary School can attend through Braitling Primary School.

Contact: Program Manager
Phone: (08) 6186 7352
Email: pff@pff.com.au

3.5. JBAC Youth Diversion Camp

Jarrdimba Bayamuku Aboriginal Corporation (JBAC) 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.



The camps focus on developing young people's cultural knowledge and identity, an understanding of consequences of personal actions, individual responsibility, work ethic, and problem-solving skills. Our intensive interventions aim 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 (VET), and work programs such as land management, tourism, construction and managing an organic cattle station.

Parents and relatives of young people between 10 and 17 years old who are at risk of leaving school or getting involved with youth justice system, 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.

Short camp is 10 days for 10-17 years old

Long camp is 8 weeks for 14-17 years old

Contact: Youth Justice Programs
Phone: (08) 8944 2188
Email: DOC.YouthCommunityPrograms@nt.gov.au

IMPORTANT NOTE: The JBAC program ceases on 30 June 2025.

3.6. Juno Learning Centre

The Juno Centre is a 250-hectare training facility based 10km east of Tennant Creek. It is an operational farm set up to simulate real agricultural operations, such as livestock management and agrifood production and can accommodate residential blocks.

The Juno Centre has appropriate facilities to provide a range programs that support engagement, pre-VET programs and VET programs.

Vocational programs include:

- Agriculture
- Horticulture
- Hospitality
- Workplace Skills
- Business

The vision of Juno is that all secondary school students in the Barkly, Big Rivers and Central regions have access to the facility as a training hub. For more information and referral process, contact the following.

Contact: Laura Ryan
Phone: 0407 127 797
Email: laura.ryan1@education.nt.gov.au

3.7. Katherine Flexible Learning and Engagement Centre

Katherine Flexible Learning and Engagement Centre (KFLEC) provides a tailored educational experience for students in years 9 to 12 having trouble engaging with mainstream educational setup and seek pathways to employment through practical training and skills development. The program incorporates the Higher Education Advanced Learning (HEAL) online learning program or Distance Education format. Students work towards completing secondary school in the same way as mainstream high school students do.



Depending on student's unique learning requirements, school contact hours are reduced, and in some cases the individual student timetable is modified to provide additional support.

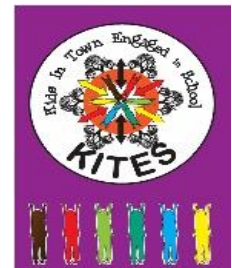
Parents or service providers can contact KFLEC or Katherine High School to make a referral.

Contact: KFLEC Coordinator/Lead Senior Teacher

Phone: (08) 8973 8200 or 0467 249 795
Email: stephen.cannell@education.nt.gov.au or kflec.katherine@education.nt.gov.au
Address: Lot 1143, 5 Kintore Street, Katherine, NT 0850

3.8. Kids in Town Engaged in School (KITES)

Kids in Town Engaged in School (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, Transition to Year 6 who come to Alice Springs for personal or family reasons, so that they remain engaged with schooling.



The program organisers may provide transport subject to availability and eligibility criteria as specified in their policy.

Contact: Senior Teacher
Phone: (08) 8955 2299 or 0408 123 283
Email: jenny.buckley@education.nt.gov.au or anthea.frossinakis@education.nt.gov.au
Address: 80 Spearwood Road, Alice Springs, NT 0870

3.9. Mimik-ga Centre

Mimik-ga Centre Early Intervention for Learning Hub provides early intervention services for students from birth to 12 years old focusing on early childhood development and young children who have additional needs. The Centre delivers 2 Communication Autism (CommAut) programs for students on the Autism Spectrum, and the Families as First Teachers (FaFT) program.

The child's school can make a referral application, which a panel assesses to confirm eligibility for the CommAut program.

Paediatricians and Royal Darwin Hospital staff, Child Health Nurses, Child Development Team, GPs and other allied health practitioners can make referrals to FaFT. Families can also self-refer.



Contact: Director
Phone: (08) 8983 7901 or 0490 482 266
Email: admin.mimik-ga@education.nt.gov.au

3.10. NT School of Distance Education

The NT School of Distance Education (NTSDE) provides 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



3.11. Palmerston Youth Services

The Y NT delivers services for children and young people including the following.



The Palmerston Youth Centre (Moulden)

The Palmerston Youth Centre (PYC) is a Y NT program that offers free after-school activities to children and young people between the ages of 10 and 17. With supported drop off via stakeholder partnership with Larrakia Nation Youth Transport from 7:00 pm nightly, the services are offered during the school term from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm and from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm on weekends, school and public holidays. PYC provides all meals including breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner.

Children and young people can engage with this service through direct contact with the PYC program manager at the Y NT.

Contact: Program manager – Jonathon McDonald
Phone: 0459 988 345 or 0417 493 748
Email: youth.nt@ynt.org.au or Jonathon.mcdonald@ynt.org.au
Address: 31 Tilston Avenue, Moulden, Palmerston

Back2School Program

The Back2School program is a 10-week program for young people in year 9 to 12 who may currently be disengaging from school. The Back2School program aims to provide young people with a flexible environment to get into the habit of a structured routine relevant to school and work timetables, develop their literacy and numeracy skills and look for opportunities in school, training, or employment that suit their needs and interests. The program runs Monday to Wednesday from 9.30 am to 2.30 pm during NT School Terms.

Contact: Back2School Program Coordinator – Ashlee Coleman-Mola
Phone: (08) 8932 1096 or 0448 906 864
Email: palmerston.youth@ynt.org.au
Address: 31 Tilston Avenue, Moulden, Palmerston

3.12. Palmerston Youth Skills Centre

Palmerston Youth Skills Centre (PYSC) equips young people with life and employment skills with up to 50 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, employment service providers, community groups, and self-referrals.

Contact: Youth Training Coordinator
Phone: (08) 8999 5778
Email: pysc.doe@education.nt.gov.au
Address: 41 McCourt Road, Yarrowonga, NT 0830

3.13. 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. They provide sporting, recreational, and cultural activities. The Remote Sports Academy operates in the following communities: Arlparra, Hermannsburg/Ntaria, Yuendumu, Ngukurr, Beswick, Lajamanu, and Kalkarindji.

Principals of schools in these communities manage the referral and participation process.

Contact: CEO – Henly Taka
Phone: 0422 672 492
Email: henlytaka@wantaac.org



3.14. Shepherdson College Bounce Back Program

The Shepherdson College Bounce Back Program operates during school hours in cooperation with the Galiwinku community. With an aim of catering to the needs of Aboriginal students and communities, the program adopts a culturally responsive flexible learning approach where children are encouraged to gradually transition back to formal schooling.



Children enrolled in the program attend school with an amended timetable that has 3 stages. The initial stage aims to bring students into the classroom until the end of recess, followed by the next stage where students stay until their lunch break. In the final stage, when children are more comfortable with the school setting, they stay until the end of the school day. Throughout the transition journey of students chronically disengaged from education back to schools, the Shepherdson Student Support Officers (SSSO) provide individualised and culturally informed support to children and families within and outside of the classrooms.

Shepherdson College Bounce Back Program primarily focuses on supporting primary school children from Transition to Year 6.

You can make referrals through the Principal of Shepherdson College and in consultation with the Galiwinku Aboriginal community.

Contact: Principal
Email: principal.shepherdson@education.nt.gov.au or vaseva.varea@education.nt.gov.au
Phone: (08) 8987 9044

3.15. Shepherdson College Sunset School

Shepherdson College Sunset school delivers culturally responsive and inclusive activities for youth in Elcho Island. 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.

Contact: Principal
Phone: (08) 8987 9044
Email: principal.shepherdson@education.nt.gov.au or vaseva.varea@education.nt.gov.au

3.16. St Joseph's Catholic Flexible Learning School, Alice Springs

St Joseph's Catholic Flexible Learning School provides a full-time and multi-year middle and high school education and social inclusion program for young people having difficulty engaging with conventional schooling.

The school offers specialised support through 2 outreach programs specifically designed to support young people who have encountered the youth justice system and have complex educational and social needs. The St Joseph's Catholic Flexible Learning School offers a variety of flexible and innovative social inclusion and learning experiences including full-time and multi-year secondary education.

Referrals may be provided by the parents, case workers from the Department of Children and Families (if the young person is in care), or other service providers to the school principal and enrolments team.

Contact: Administration Officer
Phone: (08) 8929 3900 or 0408 568 357
Email: StJosephsAliceSpringsFLC@ereafsn.edu.au



3.17. Stars Foundation

The Stars Foundation provides a holistic program that supports Indigenous girls and young women to attend and remain engaged at school, complete Year 12 and move into work or further study.

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 female Aboriginal students in the following NT schools:



Alice Springs	Darwin	Humpty Doo
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centralian Middle School • Centralian Senior School • Gillen Primary School • Sadadeen Primary School • Yirara College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casuarina Senior College • Dripstone Middle School • Haileybury Rendall School • Nightcliff Middle School • Sanderson Middle School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taminmin College
Jabiru	Katherine	Nhulunbuy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jabiru Area School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katherine High School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nhulunbuy High School
Palmerston	Tennant Creek	Yirrkala
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver Primary School • Palmerston College 7-9 • Palmerston College 10-12 • Moulden Park Primary School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennant Creek High School • Tennant Creek Primary School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yirrkala Bilingual School

School principals work with relevant parents and key stakeholders to make referrals to the program.

Contact: General Manager NT & QLD
Phone: 1300 886 411 or 0447 744 408
Email: rmilkins@starsfoundation.org.au

3.18. Tennant Creek Flexible Learning Centre

The Tennant Creek High School Learning Centre is a flexible classroom program for engaging year 7 to 12 students with diverse learning and engagement needs. There is one separate flexible education class. The students taking part in this alternative program attend on a modified timetable according to their interests, ability, and family or friendship groups.

Contact: Principal
Phone: (08) 8962 2102
Email: admin.tchs@education.nt.gov.au



3.19. 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

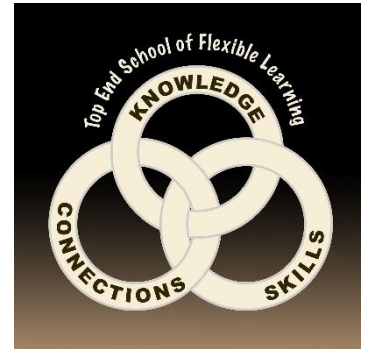


3.20. Top End School of Flexible Learning

Top End School of Flexible Learning (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 or support to find employment.

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



<p>TESoFL (Malak Campus) Contact: Principal Phone: (08) 899 77199 or 0457 519 030 Email: tesofl.doe@education.nt.gov.au</p>	<p>TESoFL (Tivendale Campus) Contact: Head of Campus Phone: (08) 8999 5910 or 0472 786 562 Email: tesofl.doe@education.nt.gov.au</p>
<p>TESoFL (Palmerston Campus) Contact: Head of Campus Phone: (08) 8983 7924 or 0477 334 724 Email: kim.liebenberg@education.nt.gov.au tesofl.doe@education.nt.gov.au</p>	<p>TESoFL (Youth Inpatient) Contact: Senior Teacher Phone: (08) 8997 7199 Email: tesofl.doe@education.nt.gov.au</p>

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Acronyms	Full form
FaFT	Families as First Teachers
HEAL	Higher Education Advanced Learning
JBAC	Jarrdimba Bayamuku Aboriginal Corporation
KFLEC	Katherine Flexible Learning and Engagement Centre
KITES	Kids in Town Engaged in School
NT	Northern Territory
NTSDE	Northern Territory School of Distance Education
PYSC	Palmerston Youth Skills Centre
PFF	Polly Farmer Foundation
SSSO	Shepherdson Student Support Officers
TESoFL	Top End School of Flexible Learning
VET	Vocational Education and Training