



Drug Education

The Education Advisor, Drug Education and Wellbeing works towards building the capacity of DET schools to provide opportunities for quality care and drug education for all Territory children.

Holistic wellbeing frameworks encompassing school-community wellbeing, preventative Drug & Resilience Education and effective management of drug-related incidents ensure students improve their capabilities to make healthy, informed decisions around alcohol and other drug (AOD) use/misuse.

The Education Advisor, Drug Education and Wellbeing, Student Services is able to:

- Support schools, teachers and communities develop a School Drug Policy promoting health and wellbeing within a Health Promoting School context;
- Support schools, teachers and communities to plan, program and implement comprehensive integrated drug education programs and units of work;
- Advise teachers, schools and communities in relation to Drug Education best practice and the strategies of drug prevention, promotion and intervention in the school-context;
- Coordinate and provide Professional Learning (PL) using the Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) resources, the WA School Drug Education Project (SDEP) resources, the Indigenous Drug Education Support Materials (IDESM) and access supplementary resources such as the Drug and Personal Safety Awareness Program provided by the School Based Police Officers;
- Liaise with the National School Drug Education Strategy (NSDES) to ensure the Northern Territory aligns with the National Drug Strategic Framework;
- Suggest appropriate resources for Drug Education, including resilience, harm minimisation and self-esteem;
- Provide incentives for schools and communities to build on previous NT initiatives to promote student resilience, well-being and self-efficacy.

Ongoing Projects

Drug and Personal Safety Awareness Program

This is a curriculum resource designed to support School Based Police Officers to deliver Drug Education in conjunction with teachers. The program includes:

- The Legal System
- Rights Rules and Responsibilities
- Consequences of our Actions
- Keeping Ourselves and Other Safe
- Drug and Alcohol
- Personal Development
- Role of Police in Society

Policy Development

All NT schools are required to write a School Drug Policy. For information and support please contact the Education Advisor, Drug Education and Wellbeing on 8951 1643.

Professional Learning (PL)

A range of centralised PL workshops will be offered throughout the year to enhance teachers' knowledge, skills and understanding to deliver Drug Education through an inclusive, integrated approach.

Peer Forums

All NT Schools are required to implement the Drug Education Peer Forum Student Leadership Program. Grants are available to support the process. For more information please call the Education Advisor, Drug Education and Wellbeing on 8951 1643.

Curriculum Resources:

- NT Indigenous Drug Education Support Materials (IDESM) - PDF
- Resilience Education and Drug Information (REDI) suite of resources - Australian Government www.redi.gov.au

Drug Education Programs for Schools:

- Drug Education Peer Forum Information for teachers - Word document

Additional Information:

- Principles of School Drug Education x 2 (poster and booklet) – PDF

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