It is recommended that parents advise the school of member absences from home due to deployment, exercises or courses.

A Teacher's Resource Kit is available to all schools with dependants of ADF members enrolled and is available from the REDLO.

The Education Assistance Scheme is aimed at minimising disruption to a child's schooling due to posting. This Scheme enables children to access tutoring if required.

Assistance toward boarding and tuition costs for students in years 9, 10, 11 and 12 may be provided. Criteria apply.

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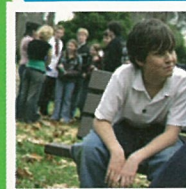redlo.vic@defence.gov.au

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Defence Transition Mentor

Families thriving in the Defence Community

Defence Community Organisation

What is the Defence Transition Aide Program?

The Defence School Transition Aide Program provides support to secondary students of Australian Defence Force (ADF) members and their families, particularly during their transition into and out of a school on posting or during parental absences due to deployment, exercises or courses.

The Defence Transition Mentor (DTM) works in secondary schools to provide information, support and referral to secondary students from mobile Australian Defence Force (ADF) families.

Defence Transition Mentors are funded by Department of Defence through the Defence Community Organisation. They are employed as a member of the school staff by respective schools or education systems within each State or Territory.

What does a Defence Transition Mentor do?

A Defence Transition Mentor provides assistance to ADF children and families. This may include:

- Assisting young people from Australian Defence Force families integrate into the school community
- Co-ordinating appropriate welcoming and farewelling strategies for young people of Australian Defence Force families
- Supporting students to develop their self-confidence and resilience
- Encouraging young people to explore options and make the most of opportunities
- Assisting young people manage the challenges of transition
- Referring students where necessary to appropriate student support services
- Identifying the issues and needs of individual students
- Developing and implementing programs and resources that address the issues and needs of students
- Monitoring students' day to day social and emotional well-being
- Supporting young people at school during times of parental absence from home for service requirements
- Facilitating student participation in cultural, sporting, academic and personal development programs
- Linking students to school and community programs
- Raising awareness of Defence related issues facing students such as parental absence due to service requirements

Where are the Defence Transition Mentors located?

Defence Transition Mentors are located in secondary schools throughout Australia where there are significant numbers of Australian Defence Force families. For school locations contact your Regional Education Liaison Officer at your DCO or visit the DCO website at *www.defence.gov.au/dco*.

What assistance is available if a student attends a school that does not have a Defence Transition Mentor?

Parents should contact the school to discuss the student's transition into the new school or if they require additional information to take to the next school.

The Regional Education Liaison Officer (REDLO) is a qualified and experienced teacher who is able to provide specialised information and educational support to Australian Defence Force families when they move from place to place. The REDLO is available to all Australian Defence Force families regardless of whether they have access to a Defence Transition Mentor.