



Education Liaison Officers

Defence Community Organisation

Defence Community Organisation's Education Liaison Officers provide education support to Defence families as they move around the country, providing information, advice, referral and specialised assistance.

Education Liaison Officers are part of Defence Community Organisation's education advisory service, designed to inform, prepare and empower Defence families when they are relocating and changing schools.

They are located in each state and territory and have extensive knowledge about the local schools and education systems as well as the unique needs of Defence children.

To contact your nearest Education Liaison Officer, call the Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 608.

EDUCATION LIAISON OFFICERS

The assistance Education Liaison Officers provide to families includes:

- informing families about local schools and education systems
- working with parents, students and teachers to manage the transition to a new location and school
- linking families with special education providers, resources or support agencies according to their children's individual needs (including special needs students)
- working with schools to ensure a supportive educational environment and to raise awareness of issues facing Defence children
- informing families about Defence support services available, including financial assistance entitlements under the Education Assistance Scheme.

Due to their understanding of both the Defence lifestyle and the different state and territory

education systems, they also advise Defence and key education authorities on the current needs of Defence students, and contribute to education policy.

FURTHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

Defence Community Organisation offers a wide range of other education support services for Defence children, including Defence School Mentors, who provide in-school support to Defence children.

For enquiries about education support for Defence children email

education.supportprograms@defence.gov.au

Defence Community Organisation offers a wide range of support services for ADF members and their families.

For more information on this factsheet and other Defence Community Organisation support services visit www.defence.gov.au/dco or call the all-hours Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 608.

