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NTCOGSO Supports Focus on Teaching and Reinforcing Positive Behaviour in Schools

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The Northern Territory Council of Government School Organisations (NTCOGSO) supports the Minister for Education and Training's focus on reinforcing positive behaviour and ensuring safe environments across school communities. Violence and unsafe behaviour are not acceptable in any setting, whether at school, on school buses, or in the broader community.

All Northern Territory government schools operate under a clear Code of Behaviour, supported by school-based behaviour plans aligned to national frameworks. These approaches are designed to teach, reinforce and model expected behaviours, while ensuring the safety of both students and staff.

This work is further supported by national approaches such as respectful relationships education, which helps students build the skills needed to interact safely and respectfully with others.

Teaching behaviour is a core part of education. Schools work every day with students to build respect, responsibility and safe decision-making. **This work is most effective when it is consistent across classrooms, families and the wider community.**

NTCOGSO recognises that supporting positive behaviour requires more than expectations alone. It requires the right supports to be in place so schools can respond early, intervene effectively and maintain safe learning environments.

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- Classroom support to assist teachers in managing diverse and complex student needs
- Access to counselling and wellbeing services across all school communities
- Early intervention and allied health supports, particularly in regional and remote areas
- Positive, relationship-based youth engagement, including partnerships with police
- School environments and infrastructure that support safe and regulated learning
- Strong partnerships between schools and families to support consistent behaviour expectations, early engagement and shared responsibility

Families, educators and communities share a common goal: safe schools for everyone, where students can learn and staff can work without risk of violence.

Reinforcing and teaching behaviour is a shared responsibility. When schools, families and communities work together, students are better supported to meet expectations and engage positively in all environments.

NTCOGSO remains committed to working constructively with the Northern Territory Government and the Department of Education and Training to support schools in delivering safe, inclusive and well-supported learning environments.

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ABOUT NTCOGSO

The Northern Territory Council of Government School Organisations (NTCOGSO) is the peak parent representative body that advocates for the interests of government students and schools across the Northern Territory.

NTCOGSO works collaboratively with education stakeholders to support the delivery of high-quality education and ensure the well-being and success of NT students.