#### **Defence School Transition Aide**



Mrs Karen O'Connor

Defence School Transition Aide

The Defence School Transition Aide program is a valued program that has been at Albany Hills State School since 2003. The program is funded by Department of Defence and supported by Defence Community Organization, Canberra.

The Defence School Aide position is a part time position and is currently funded one day per week. Mrs Karen O'Connor our Defence School Transition Aide is at the school every Tuesday but is always available to answer any questions that you may have. Mrs O'Connor can always be contacted via the school office.



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### The Role of the Defence School Transition Aide

Working within the school's administration team, the Defence School Transition Aide (DSTA) provides assistance to Australian Defence families and students before, during and after enrolment.

The DSTA works closely with both parents and students to help them become part of the school community.

The DSTA can answer any questions that the students or parents may have about the school and put them in touch with appropriate staff member.

The DSTA is a qualified teacher aide and can provide onsite educational support in the classroom upon the class teachers request.

The DSTA program has been running successfully at Albany Hills State School since 2003. Albany Hills State School was involved firstly in the trial and later in the implementation of the DSTA positions into state schools.

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- Assists both parents and students during enrolment process.
- Assists students during transition into a new school.
- Provides emotional support to ADF students on an ongoing basis.
- Supports students through deployments.
- Supports resilience to help overcome extra challenges that ADF students face.
- Acts as a link between parents/caregivers of ADF students and the school.
- Supports students academically in classrooms as needed.
- Assists parents with ADF Tutoring application process.
- Coordinates ADF tutoring and works with ADF tutor.
- Organizes monthly morning teas to support ADF spouses.
- Works closely with the school's administration to help coordinate ANZAC Day assembly.
- Promotes awareness of individual and specific special needs relevant to ADF families

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Works closely with the school's administration team to coordinate ANZAC Day assembly.



Works closely with the Australian Defence Force to support the school with valued educational training.