

## DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CITIES

### 1.11 EVENT BRIEF – Norfolk Island Central School visit

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| <b>Date and Time:</b> | Tuesday 13 November 2018, 10.30 am – 11.15 am  |
| <b>Location:</b>      | Norfolk Island Central School – meet at front office   |
| <b>Attendees:</b>     | Eric Hutchinson, Administrator<br>Brett Carr, School Principal<br><br>Students receiving awards:<br>Mia Pashley Year 5<br>Tahlia Evans Year 8<br>Mason Wilkinson Year 12 |

#### Outcomes Sought:

- To visit the Norfolk Island Central School (the school) and meet the Principal, Mr Brett Carr and the newly appointed Senior Leadership group.
- You may like to congratulate the new team and the importance of their leadership role within the school community.
- You may also like to give your best wishes to the Year 12 cohort for 2018 who currently sitting their Higher School Certificate exams.
- The Year 7/8 Debating team should be congratulated for their performance at the recent North Coast regional final of the State debating competition. The team were only just ‘pipped at the post’ by Nambucca Heads. What a great achievement that the smallest, most isolated school in the northern region came second in the competition.
- During your visit to the school, Eric Hutchinson, will present the Administrator’s awards for Sports and Citizenship. These awards acknowledge a student’s ‘effort in schooling based on ability and participation in sports and carnivals at School’. The recipients are recognised for their general behaviour, their help and cooperation around the school and community.

The recipients for this year are:

Year 3-6 – Mia Pashley (year 5)

Year 7-10 – Tahlia Evans (year 8)

Year 11-12 – Mason Wilkinson (year 12).

Eric has also been asked to present three sporting trophies following the annual school sports carnival and points scorers for other events. Details on recipients for these are not yet available.

#### Key Issues:

- The Hon Dr John McVeigh MP, the former Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, visited the Norfolk Island Central School (the school) in July 2018 and met with staff and the student leadership group. His visit was well received by the school community.

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- The Senior Leadership Group were involved in a competition within the school community to name the new Child and Family Wellbeing Unit officially opened by the previous Minister in July 2018. The name chosen was NI-Connect in recognition of the importance of community connection and their proud identity as residents of Norfolk Island.
- You may be asked about vocational education and other tertiary opportunities for young people wishing to stay on the island.
- At the 2018-19 Budget the Australian Government committed to providing financial assistance to Norfolk Island residents undergoing Vocational Education Training while living on Norfolk Island.
- The Department is currently finalising the guidelines and associated documentation for this financial assistance. We anticipate that it will be announced before Christmas with the initiative open for application in January 2019.
- You may be asked to ensure the Norfolk Island language continues to be made available:
- The Norfolk language and culture lessons are included in the school curriculum as a language-other-than-English (LOTE) choice to help preserve the language and culture for future generations. NSW Department of Education supports its inclusion in the curriculum.

**Background:** Nil

**Sensitivities:** Nil

