



### Friendships

Friendships require work and can be difficult to make. The DSM role is to support the students and help them to recognise what a friend is and does. Remember you need to be a friend to have a friend, and it may take several attempts before a good friendship is made.



### Absence Support

Please notify the DSM of any upcoming absence by scanning the QR Code, answering the questions and clicking submit.



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# DEFENCE PROGRAM

## SUPPORT AGENCIES

Defence member and Family Support: 1800 624 608

This helpline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is staffed by qualified human services professionals, including social workers & psychologists who can provide assessment, assistance, advice or referral depending on family need.

Open Arms: 1800 001 046

24 hour, free confidential counselling and support services for veterans and their families.

Safe Zone Support: 1800 142 072

(Free, anonymous counselling line)

Safe Zone Support has specialist counsellors that understand the military and can offer help to veterans and their family, anonymously.



Mrs Kurtz (DSM) and Ms Malcomson (Guidance Officer)

## PROGRAM & SPECIAL EVENTS

- Handball challenge for new students
- Friendship Stone Zooper Dooper Dare
- Borrowing of sporting equipment
- Senior Students One Day Bike Build incursion with TRACTION
- Defence club where students can take part in craft and games
- Hot Milo mornings in colder months
- Being involved in ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day Parades

## DEFENCE SCHOOL MENTOR

Mrs Cheryl Kurtz is the Defence School Mentor (DSM) and has been in the role since 2015, she is an employee of the school and accountable to the Principal. DSM's are funded through DMFS (Defence Member and Family Support) and supported by the Educational Liaison Officer (EDLO).

The DSM program aims to assist Defence Students and their families in four key areas.

- Welcoming
- Integrating
- Parental Absence Support
- Farewelling

The role of DSM is not one of a teacher or counsellor, but a conduit between professional services to facilitate information sharing and referral to appropriate services.

The DSM role is to offer social and emotional support to students of current serving members of the armed forces. This is achieved through special programs and events as well as assistance in the classroom so that a sense of belonging can be developed.



## PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO SCHOOL

Please tick of any of the following apply:

- MWDU (Married with dependants unaccompanied)
- Current Absence:- Deployment/training/work
- Upcoming Absence:- Deployment/training/work

## SERVICE

- Army
- Navy
- Airforce

I would/would not be interested in being involved in any activities at school.

Home Town

Town posting from

Student Name & Grade

The DSM can be contacted on [dsm@raceviewss.eq.edu.au](mailto:dsm@raceviewss.eq.edu.au).