



Linking Students to
School and Community.

Facilitating student
participation in cultural,
sporting, academic and
personal development.

Supporting Defence Students

by:

Assisting young people to
manage the challenges of
transition.

Referring students where
necessary to appropriate
student support services.

Identifying the issues and
needs of individual students.

Developing and implementing
programs and resources that
address issues and needs.



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TOGETHER, WE CREATE FINE YOUNG MEN

Defence Transition Mentor



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“Let us as Marists welcome every
sunrise full of hope and
expectation as we embrace all the
opportunities the new day brings”
– Anthony Clarke, Director,
Marist Formation Team: awaken
theme, 2017



About the Defence Transition Program

The Defence transition Program at Marist provides support to both Junior and Secondary students of Australian Defence (ADF) members and their families, particularly during their transition into and out of a school, or posting during parental absences due to deployment, exercises or courses.

The Defence Transition Mentor (DTM) and the Defence Aid (DTA) Works to provide information, support and referral to primary and secondary students from mobile Australian Defence Force (ADF) families.



Raising awareness of Defence related issues facing students, such as parental absence due to service requirements.



Who are Defence Transitional Mentors and Aides funded by?

Defence Transition Mentors and Aides are funded by the Department of Defence through the Defence Community Organization and are employed as members of a school or educational system within each State and Territory.

Services Offered

A Defence Transition Mentor or Aide provides assistance to ADF children and families. This may include:

- Assisting young people from Australian Defence Force Families to integrate into the school community.
- Coordinating appropriate welcoming and farewell strategies for young people of Australian Defence Force families.
- Supporting students to develop their self-confidence and resilience.
- Encouraging young people to explore options and make the most of opportunities