

DEFENCE SUPPORT

Greenwith Campus, comprising of Our Lady of Hope and Greenwith Primary School, has a Defence School Transition Aide (DSTA) to provide support to our Defence students.

Defence School Transition Aides are funded by the Department of Defence through DCO (Defence Community Organisation).

Our DSTA is Deb Thompson.

Deb's role within the school is to make the transition for ADF children and their families as smooth as possible, as well as provide ongoing assistance with educational, emotional and/or social needs.

The DSTA role:

- **Being a contact for ADF parents and children new to the school and its community.**
- **Assisting with information prior to arriving at the school.**
- **Assisting the children and the family to quickly develop a sense of belonging in the school community by holding Welcome and End of Year functions, Afternoon Teas for Defence Spouses and lunchtime activities for the children.**
- **Encouraging children with their day-to-day friendships.**
- **Being a liaison between parents, teachers, children and the school.**
- **Providing support for children whose parent is absent from home due to service requirements.**
- **Assisting, where possible, with families posted away from our school.**
- **Informing families of the Education Assistance Scheme (EAS).**
- **Linking to the Defence Community Organisation (DCO).**
- **Enhancing the relationship between the school and their Defence Community.**
- **Helping the school commemorate special events such as ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day.**

Deb is available at the school Monday to Friday and can be contacted by phoning OLOH on 82898344 or GPS School on 8289 8100 or email deb.thompson3@schools.sa.edu.au with any enquiries.

We trust your child will benefit from their time here and that you can enjoy a positive and productive partnership with the school.

