Parents Put On Notice

Chief Minister Paul Henderson has put the parents of Palmerston’s delinquent youth on notice saying the Government will make sure they face the full extent of the law.

Mr Henderson issued the warning after a number of cowardly attacks in Palmerston and Darwin in the last few days.

“We have tough laws to target parents of delinquent youth and we will be sheeting home responsibility to them for these attacks,” Mr Henderson said.

“We have introduced parent responsibility agreements and parental responsibility orders. In the Territory parents can be required to pay for the damage caused by their children.

“Parents who let their children roam the streets late at night are not behaving as responsible members of our society.

“We also have the toughest youth crime laws in the country – and we have stopped the revolving door of youth diversion.

“We have made it harder for youth to get bail and we have three youth rehabilitation camps in place.

“In addition to these laws the Government is putting 60 additional police onto the streets as part of our Safer Streets program and will be establishing a Youth Crime Unit.

“We have a clear message to youth causing crime – we will catch and punish you, and we’re coming for your parents as well.

“The Police have done a great job to make a number of arrests already and I’ve told them to do whatever it takes to get the rest of them.”

Police have announced fifteen additional police, ten additional investigators and two additional Intelligence Officers to target these offenders. They’ll work with the existing social order and general duties Palmerston Police to saturate the city with law enforcement officers.

A taskforce has been established to target these crimes and Police say they’re confident they will make more arrests.

Anyone with information should contact police on 131 444 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

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