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Celebrating Fifty Years of Larrakeyah Primary School

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Member for Port Darwin John Elferink has joined celebrations for the 50th anniversary of one of Darwin’s oldest schools, Larrakeyah Primary School.

Mr Elferink said the school plays an important role in Darwin’s history having first opened its doors in 1963 and has grown to accommodate more than 370 students.

“Larrakeyah Primary School was relocated to the fringe of Darwin’s CBD in 1985 following severe damage to the school caused by Cyclone Tracy at its previous location at Myilly Point,” Mr Elferink said.

“The school’s diverse student population reflects the changing lifestyles of families living in the Darwin area.

“The school attracts many students who live in Darwin’s many recently built CBD dwellings as well as Defence families and those that speak English as a second language.

“The school population is expected to continue to grow as more homes are built in its catchment areas.

“Around 70 students from Defence families are currently enrolled at the school due to its close proximity to Larrakeyah Barracks,” Mr Elferink said.

Minister for Education Peter Chandler said the school offers a quality education for students living in the Darwin CBD and its surrounding areas.

“The Northern Territory Government will continue to support the school by matching facilities and learning programs to its growing student population,” Mr Chandler said.

“I hope all staff and students at the school enjoy the many anniversary celebrations throughout the year.”

Mr Chandler wished the school well for its next 50 years.

Mr Elferink will tonight attend an Alice in Wonderland themed production as part of this year’s 50th anniversary. The production will be held at Larrakeyah Primary School from 7pm.

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