Three Palmerston schools will forge deeper connections to Darwin’s wartime past with the adoption of military units that served in the Northern Territory during World War II.

Each house group from Woodroffe Primary, Rosebery Middle and Palmerston Senior schools will be aligned with a military unit and learn about its role in the Territory’s past.

The three schools taking part in the initiative have a high percentage of students which come from military families.

Member for Blain Nathan Barrett said it is important that they not only understand the importance of the Army, Air Force and Navy today, but also have an appreciation for the brave Australians that have served in the past.

“Darwin has had a long military history, and by establishing connections to the past, we can ensure it is not forgotten,” Mr Barrett said.

“The Territory’s rich wartime history must be remembered, and by teaching our children about events from our past we can ensure that it is acknowledged for years to come.

“Once a student is placed in a military group, it is expected that they will remain in that group when they transition to their middle and senior schools in the Palmerston area.

“For example, if a student is placed in the Air Force unit in primary school, they will be placed with this same unit as they progress through the school system. This will provide students with a smoother transition between schools.”

Members from each of the defence forces have presented information about the unit including images, names and symbols in a framed layout to house groups at each of the schools.

Local historian, Tom Lewis, was commissioned to identify and research units which served here in the Darwin area during WWII.

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