New cadet program to grow great citizens

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Territory school students will be put on a career path towards the NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services (PFES) while gaining real training and qualifications through a new cadet program launched today.

PFES have been working in partnership with the Department of Education to develop this program, which will see 17 students from Palmerston Senior College be the first to take part.

Over the two-year program the cadets will study a Certificate II in Public Safety (Community Engagement) and participate in activities that include:

- Leadership attributes
- Physical training and defensive tactics
- Emergency care management
- Presentation and interview skills
- Building effective teams
- Familiarisation with forensic procedures, investigative interviewing, road policing equipment
- Small boat handling

Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services Peter Chandler said the program will benefit not only the students taking part, but the broader community as well.

“Young people need leaders and they need role models, this program will equip students with the skills to lead while also preparing them for a career post school,” Mr Chandler said.

“Being a Police officer in the Territory is a unique and rewarding experience and we would love to see more students come through the ranks and be leaders in their communities. We’d particularly like to see more Indigenous leaders through the program.”
Minister for Education Robyn Lambley said students will be able to gain these qualifications while completing years 11 and 12.

“With these qualifications under their belt, cadets may be eligible for accelerated training as police or emergency services officers, should they wish to follow this career path,” Mrs Lambley said.

“Successful cadets will also gain a Certificate III in Business through their schools, giving them a great foundation for a fruitful career no matter what direction they choose.”

Students will soon be fitted with their uniforms and equipment before officially starting on February 16 (at the Police, Fire and Emergency Services Training College

On completion of the program, participants will have skills and qualifications that will assist their futures, no matter what career path they choose.

The program is being trialed at Palmerston Senior College with the view to expanding the program to other schools into the future.

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