



TRINITY COLLEGE

Defence School Mentor Team



Information for Families

The Defence School Mentor (DSM) Program is designed to provide practical assistance to Defence families and support the social and emotional wellbeing of Defence students.

Trinity College has three DSMs that work across all Trinity schools to assist Defence students and their families with changing schools, integrating into the school community and providing support during parental absences.

The roles are funded by the Defence Member and Family Support (DMFS) Branch of the Department of Defence. DSMs work to minimise the impact of mobility on education and build the capability of the school in supporting Defence students and their families. Mentors provide support to the children of Defence families through on-site, direct and flexible assistance to students, parents, teachers and other support services. This may include:

- assisting new children and their families to integrate into the school and local community;
- monitoring the social and emotional wellbeing of Defence students;
- assisting students to develop self-confidence, self-reliance and resilience;
- referring students to services, or school and community programs that meet their needs;
- enhancing awareness and appreciation of the unique Defence lifestyle in schools and communities; and
- providing support to children during times of parental absence.

The DSM roles at Trinity College are part-time. Kylie Harrison supports Junior School students (Early Years to Year 6) from Defence Force families at North and South. Leanne Sander supports students (Early Years to Year 10) from Defence Force families at Gawler River while Kim Lally supports Defence students in Middle School at North and South (Year 7 to Year 10), older students (Year 11 and Year 12) at Senior and students (Early Years to Year 10) at Blakeview.

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