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Dear Palmerston City Schools community

New middle school programs will start in schools across the Territory – including Palmerston – on day one of the 2008 school year.

I am confident students will benefit from the new programs, including a stronger focus on literacy and numeracy.

Unfortunately, I have been advised that the new \$12 million Palmerston High School building will not be finished for the start of Semester 1 2008.

Due to earthwork complications and the shortage of skilled labour available to work on the project, the building opening will be delayed.

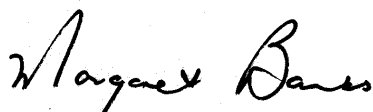
The planned movement of classes – senior students to the new building and the current Year 6 students moving to Palmerston High – will now occur at the start of Semester 2.

Overleaf is a fact sheet outlining more details on the introduction of Middle Years in Palmerston next year.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to make contact using the details outlined in the fact sheet.

I am looking forward to what promises to be a very rewarding 2008 for Palmerston schools and students.

Yours sincerely



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## Palmerston High School in 2008

### Middle Years Curriculum

- The Middle Years programs will commence in Palmerston schools from the start of the 2008 school year
- Year 7 students will study at their current primary school and also attend classes at Palmerston High School
- Throughout Semester 1 Year 7 students will have many opportunities to work with middle years students across Palmerston City Schools.

### Teaching staff

- All Year 7 to 12 students – whether at Palmerston High School or their current primary school – will be taught by Palmerston High teachers
- Administrative support will be provided by Palmerston High School
- Additional staffing resources will be in place to support the transition.

### Where will students be located in 2008?

Year 7 students	Semester One: current primary school Semester Two: Palmerston High School
Years 8 to 12	Palmerston High School

From the start of Semester 2 the new senior school building will be available for use.

### Uniforms

- All students from Year 7 to 12 will wear the Palmerston High School uniform.

### Communications updates

- Regular updates will be provided throughout Term 4 and Semester 1 2008
- School Councils will be regularly briefed.

### Contacts

If you have any queries about the schooling arrangements for the beginning of 2008 you can contact the following:

1. Your current local school
2. Palmerston High School
3. Middle Years Information Line: 1800 722 030
4. [www.middleyears.nt.gov.au](http://www.middleyears.nt.gov.au)



## **Will you be in Year 7 in 2008?**

Next year's Year 7 students can look forward to an exciting Middle Years program. During Semester 1 you will be based at your current school and will also attend some classes at Palmerston High School.

From the start of the 2008 school year, Year 7 students will:

- be Palmerston High School students,
- wear the Palmerston High School uniform,
- have your own Palmerston High School teachers,
- enjoy lessons and the facilities at both your current school and Palmerston High School,
- attend assemblies at Palmerston High School, and
- have plenty of opportunities to meet and work with all of the Year 7 students based in Palmerston City Schools.

You will move to Palmerston High School on a full-time basis in Semester 2.

**If you have any questions about your move into middle school next year, talk to your teacher or your Principal, phone the Middle Years information line 1800 722 030 or go to [middleyears.nt.gov.au](http://middleyears.nt.gov.au).**



## **Will you be in Year 8 Next Year?**

Next year's Year 8 students can look forward to an exciting Middle Years program at Palmerston High School.

You will start at Palmerston High School from the first day of term one and will enjoy all of the facilities and learning activities that the Middle Years program has to offer.

**If you have any questions about your move into middle school next year, talk to your teacher or your Principal, phone the Middle Years information line 1800 722 030 or go to [middleyears.nt.gov.au](http://middleyears.nt.gov.au).**