



THE VOICE FOR NT PUBLIC EDUCATION

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NTCOGSO welcomes in the 2026 school year

The Northern Territory Council of Government School Organisations (NTCOGSO) warmly welcomes the start of the 2026 school year for approximately 32,000 NT public school students, their families and the dedicated staff who support them every day.

The first day of school brings a mix of emotions for everyone. While students may feel excitement or nerves, parents often experience those same first day jitters, wondering how their child will settle, who their teacher will be and what the year ahead will bring. Teachers and school staff are also preparing to welcome students back, reconnect with families and set the tone for learning and wellbeing in the months ahead.

NTCOGSO encourages families to keep an eye out for information from their school about Annual General Meetings and opportunities to become involved in their local school body.

When families and schools work together, children achieve better outcomes. Strong parent voice supports student learning, wellbeing and school culture, and ensures decisions reflect the needs of local communities.

As NTCOGSO enters its 55th year of operation, the organisation remains committed to advocating for families across the Northern Territory and strengthening partnerships with the Department of Education and Training and the Minister for Education.



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In 2026, NTCOGSO will continue its advocacy on key priorities including school infrastructure, student safety on school bus services, and progressing motions raised by parent representatives at the Annual Full Council meeting. These issues reflect what families across the Territory are telling us matters most for their children's education and safety.

NTCOGSO wishes all students, families, principals, teachers and school staff a positive start to the 2026 school year and looks forward to another year of working together to support strong, inclusive and connected public schools across the Northern Territory.

Dr Ruth Mirams

President

ABOUT NTCOGSO

The Northern Territory Council of Government School Organisations (NTCOGSO) is the peak parent representative body that advocates for the interests of government students and schools across the Northern Territory.

NTCOGSO works collaboratively with education stakeholders to support the delivery of high-quality education and ensure the well-being and success of NT students.