

## SCHOOL BACKGROUND

Karratha Senior High School caters for students from Year 8 to 12. It is a fairly large school of approximately 650 students and has been a Senior High School since 1974. A friendly atmosphere exists in this school because the students and the staff of 75 act courteously and co-operatively with one another. Our students represent a wide cross-section of the community with students from as far away as Point Samson, Dampier, Roebourne and Wickham. We have a large Senior School, with over 250 students completing Years 11 and 12.

The community is very supportive of the high school and an active School Council consisting of teachers, parents and students has set educational goals and directions and yearly priorities. An equally active Parents and Citizens organisation acts as a forum for all parents to discuss school issues, operates the canteen and raises funds for the school.

Karratha Senior High School boasts some of the most modern teaching aids including science facilities, workshops, a performing arts centre, two school buses, gymnasium, canteen, video conferencing equipment and medical centre. We have a wide array of computers and technology access for staff and students. This year we upgraded our ICT infrastructure and hardware and all classrooms now have eight data points linking to the school network. We also increased the number of computers available to students by nearly 200.

Many of our teachers choose to transfer to Karratha and so there is stability in the staff not found in any other remote school. Some staff have been teaching here for a number of years and this says much for the calibre of students and teaching facilities in Karratha.

The school has had many proud moments over the last thirty years and the range of trophies, certificates and awards bear testimony to the zeal and dedication of our student population.

Our school motto of '*Towards Tomorrow*' draws attention to our aim of producing a responsible, observant, caring human being who has the resources to enter and be successful in the wide world of human endeavour.