

MEDIA STATEMENT



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MLA welcomes expansion of Constable Care

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Today, Carine MLA Tony Krsticevic welcomed Police Minister Rob Johnson's announcement to expand the popular Constable Care child safety program across the State.

Constable Care has been educating and successfully connecting with WA children to reinforce right from wrong for more than 20 years.

Minister Johnson announced the State Government will increase the organisation's budget to \$3million across the next four years, allowing its expansion, particularly in regional WA.

"More than 180,000 school-age children are taught Constable Care 'respect and responsibility' messages each year in WA to help shape their attitudes on a range of social issues as they grow into adulthood," he said.

"The Government has increased Constable Care's annual budget to \$750,000 to expand the program, particularly in rural and remote areas, and to link it with other police crime prevention school programs such as Police Rangers, PCYC, graffiti education and the Protective Behaviours Program."

Mr Krsticevic said Constable Care provides practical early intervention 'life skills' education with a specific focus on bullying, protective behaviours (child sexual abuse), drugs and alcohol, graffiti vandalism, road safety, health and hygiene, stranger danger, antisocial behaviour, personal safety responsibility and respect issues.

Constable Care Foundation chief executive officer Vick Evans said the extra funding would also be used to update much needed equipment and develop new programs and resources.

"The Government's contribution will also enable us to deliver our effective programs to an additional 28 regional locations, as well as many childcare centres across the State," he said.

For more information, please visit <http://www.constablecare.org.au/>.

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