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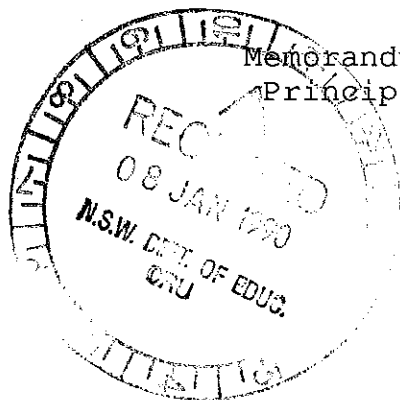
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Memorandum to School
Principals

Community Service Orders Scheme

The Community Service Orders Scheme has been operating in N.S.W. Government schools on a trial basis since November, 1986. (Memorandum to School Principals (86/230)).

The Community Service Orders Scheme was introduced by the Department of Corrective Services through the Probation and Parole Service. It provides an alternative to a prison sentence by enabling courts to allow those convicted of minor offences to serve their sentence by carrying out tasks of use to the community.

A review of the trial of the Community Service Orders Scheme has shown it to be successful. I have decided to allow the scheme to continue to operate on school premises providing the following conditions are observed:

- * The scheme may operate only on weekends or during school holidays.
- * Those with a record of convictions including drug offences (excluding alcohol), sex offences, child abuse or crimes involving violence and physical injury are to be excluded.
- * The offenders are to be supervised whilst on school premises and the onus of supervision is to rest with the Department of Corrective Services and not with the Department of Education.
- * The School Principal must notify the Cluster Director of the school's participation.

A pamphlet entitled "Community Service Orders Scheme for Adult Offenders - An Alternative to Imprisonment" is available, on request, from the Department of Corrective Services.

If you are interested in the Community Service Orders Scheme and have work that cannot be performed by Departmental staff or other available assistance, you may contact your nearest Probation and Parole Office.

Yours sincerely,

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