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### **Important message to Principals and parents of secondary school leavers**

Dealing with a legal problem, or going to court can sometimes be confusing and distressing. This year the wallet card in the End of Year Celebration Kit includes the LawAccess NSW telephone number. In the event of any legal issue school leavers can contact this number for assistance to resolve their legal problem.

LawAccess NSW is a free Government service available to every person in NSW, not just school leavers. The service is designed to provide the first point of contact for legal assistance services.

For the cost of a local call anyone can call LawAccess NSW on 1300 888 529 and our trained customer service officers will be able to provide legal information and assistance and where appropriate refer customers to local assistance services. And in some instances, such as when a matter is very urgent, one of our lawyers may be able to provide legal advice.

The service is particularly focused on assisting people who have difficulty accessing free legal services. These include people living in rural and isolated areas, indigenous people, people from a non English speaking background and people with disabilities.

If you would like to speak to LawAccess NSW through an interpreter you can ring the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask the interpreter to contact LawAccess NSW on your behalf. The interpreter service is free and confidential.

LawAccess NSW can provide customers with information and assistance in all areas of the law – including family law, neighbourhood disputes, debt and traffic offences. The service is available between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).

If you have access to the Internet you can visit LawAccess Online [www.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au) to access over 1800 plain language legal resources.

Many people are not aware that this free legal service exists. You might consider including information about LawAccess NSW in your school's newsletter. LawAccess NSW has a number of promotional materials including wallet cards, posters and factsheets for distribution.

For more information please contact LawAccess NSW on 1300 888 529.