In March 2006 the NSW Government announced the creation of 40 School Liaison Police (SLP) to work supporting high schools in NSW.

By building relationships between police, students and high schools SLP promote the objectives of the NSW state plan Rights, Respect and Responsibility through building more harmonious communities and reducing crime rates. Greater rapport between students and police will create a better understanding of the role of police in the community.

SLP will blend crime prevention with operational policing. By attending schools and implementing crime prevention workshops SLP will help prevent students from becoming involved in crime or anti-social behaviour. By being involved at the outset SLP Officers will be able to work with high schools and the community, to address offending behaviour in a constructive way.

**WHAT THEY DO**

- Implement educational programs and crime prevention workshops at high schools – open days, CAR program, RYDA or other crime prevention programs, "Walk in each others shoes" programs, Scenario training for avoidance of crime
- Develop innovative, local approaches to addressing youth crime
- Support victims of crime
- Develop mentoring schemes
- Guest speak at high schools
- Become a useful resource on crime issues affecting high schools from advising principals on policing related issues, to follow up after major incidents at high schools
- Participate in high school functions and after school events including attending bi-annual Principals forums organised by Youth Liaison Officers
- Advise on traffic management around schools

SLP will operate within public, catholic and independent high schools.