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## **Youth Week Democracy Dash in Darwin CBD**

SENIOR school students are ready, set, go to compete in the NTEC's Democracy Dash being held in the Darwin CBD today, Thursday 6 April as part of National Youth Week, NT Electoral Commissioner Iain Loganathan said.

"Democracy Dash is a fun, interactive way for senior students to get a real-life understanding of the levels of government and their roles, the importance of being an active citizen, and the responsibilities that go with living in a democracy," he said.

"Starting in Civic Park, the students will dash around the CBD in an 'amazing race' style event, visiting several organisations and completing an activity at each location.

"Some of the participating organisations include the NT Electoral Commission and the Australian Electoral Commission, Parliament House, Darwin City Council, the Local Court, Legal Aid, NAAJA, Mitchell Street Police Station, and the Anti-Discrimination Commission among others.

"The NTEC's activity focus will be on the upcoming Council elections, which will be held in August this year.

"Prizes will be awarded to the winning team from the participating schools who have nominated for the Democracy Dash," he said.

School teams taking part will set off from Civic Park at 9:30am, and will travel in groups of approximately 8 to 10 students with their teacher. The finish line will also be at Civic Park.

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