



QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE



ARSON of COMPUTER BLOCK SMITHFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL

\$50,000 REWARD

REWARD: The Minister for Police and Corrective Services has approved a reward of \$50,000 be offered for information which leads to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the arson of the computer Block of the Smithfield State High School at Cairns on 28 October 1998.

INDEMNITY FROM PROSECUTION: In addition, an appropriate indemnity from prosecution will be recommended for any accomplice, not being the person who actually committed the crime, who first gives such information.

The allocation of the \$50,000 reward will be at the sole discretion of the Commissioner of the Police Service.

CIRCUMSTANCES: In the early hours of the morning of Wednesday 28 October 1998 unknown offender/s entered the grounds of the Smithfield State High School and set fire to the Computer Wing of the school. The extent of damage to the building structure was substantial. The majority of the school's computer equipment, which was housed within this building, was totally destroyed along with the school's radio station equipment. The final figure for the damage sustained from the arson was \$1,295,300.50.

Any member of the public with information which could assist Police is asked to contact:

- the Criminal Investigation Branch, Smithfield, Phone (07) 4055 6055;
- any Police Station; or
- Crime Stoppers, Phone 1800 333 000.

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