

A RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN FOR OVERNEWTON COLLEGE

A significant inclusion on our College Masterplan Taking the Alpha Generation to Excellence was to develop an Overnewton College Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) to assist the College community in contributing to reconciliation by:

- Building and encouraging relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, communities, organisations and members of the College community
- Fostering and embedding respect for the world's longest surviving cultures and communities
- Develop opportunities to improve socio-economic outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities.

A Reconciliation Action Planning Group was established in 2017 to develop the RAP. This planning group comprises College staff from the Keilor and Taylors Lakes campuses, students and parents and meets regularly.



RAP PLANNING GROUP

As we develop a framework for learning about indigenous people of Australia, their culture and language, we understand that we cannot truly embrace the future without reconciling the past.

Reconciliation is about unity and respect between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and non-Indigenous Australians. It provides the means to recognise both the history of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the impact on them by Anglo-European settlement, actions and policies. It is about respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and valuing justice and equity for all Australians.

OUR VISION FOR RECONCILIATION

Overnewton College is a Community of Learners that is understanding, respectful and actively supportive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander customs and heritage, and values justice and equity for all Australians.

Overnewton College will achieve its vision for reconciliation by:

- Providing a safe and welcoming place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Enabling College students and staff to understand fully and accept both the history of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the impact on them by European settlement, actions and policies
- Recognising the diversity and unique attributes of the different Indigenous nations, their customs and language
- Developing an ongoing and sustainable annual calendar of key events that acknowledge and respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and valuing justice and equity for all Australians
- Developing ongoing and mutually beneficial relationships with Aboriginal communities
- Developing and maintaining a historical record of Aboriginal activity and its evidence on the land on which the Keilor and Taylors Lakes campuses stand.

