

## **CURRENT EVENTS RESULTING FROM THE RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN**

## 1. National Reconciliation Week

Each year, the College will observe National Reconciliation Week and use it as a platform for ongoing development of the Vision of Reconciliation throughout the year. This week will include age appropriate events at all levels to respond to the NRW Theme for that year.

The Reconciliation Action Planning team have worked hard to develop these programs and have been supported in each school by many willing staff and students. In particular, many people supply their own artefacts and artwork to contribute to displays around the College.

## 2. Developing Relationships with Indigenous Communities

The College will develop strong relationships with local and remote indigenous communities. Galiwin'ku (Elcho Island) is off the north east coast of Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory.

In 2018, a group of Middle School students and staff will visit Galiwin'ku at the invitation of Shepherdson College staff.

Shepherdson College is a government school of 700 students located in the Yolngu community at Galiwin'ku.

Our students will have a wonderful opportunity to spend a week in this remote indigenous community. They will spend time at the school, make connections with a class of students of a similar age and participate in activities in the township along with 'Learning on Country' activities in the local bush and coastal areas. A Stile web page has been shared with Shepherdson College staff so that they can begin making video connections and our students will be making introductory videos as part of the 'get-to-know-you' process.

This is a very exciting program for students of both Colleges.