



Narrarrang Primary School Action Plan

Aboriginal Learning, Wellbeing and Safety



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Narrarrang Primary School General Office.

Note: Throughout this document the term Koorie is used to refer to both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Narrarrang Primary School embraces the vision of the [Marrung Aboriginal Education Plan](#) and celebrates the culture, knowledge and experiences of First Nations Peoples. We are committed to creating and maintaining a school environment that empowers Koorie students to feel valued, respected and culturally strong.

Our school has a number of measures in place to ensure our community acknowledges and appreciates the strengths of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. These measures are outlined below.

Family and community perspectives and feedback

We actively seek participation and feedback from Koorie students, families and Community by:

- acknowledging the existing knowledge of Koorie students and their families and seeking their feedback on decisions that affect them, and on how well we are meeting their needs, through initial enrolment meetings, Student Support Groups (SSG), and during the development of Individual Education Plans (IEP)
- working with our regional Koorie Engagement Support Officers (KESOs) for advice on how we can create a culturally inclusive learning environment and to build our capacity to provide support for individual Koorie students attending our school
- partnering with Bunurong community groups to seek feedback and advice on existing and new actions we can take to support the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal students and children in our community
- families and the school community are invited to have a say in the development and review of child safety and wellbeing policies, procedures and practices through the newsletter and school council
- partnering with VACCA ([Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency](#)) to seek feedback and advice on existing and new actions we can take to support the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal students and children in our community.

Training and professional development of staff

To ensure our staff are equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to create and maintain a positive and inclusive school environment we:

- ensure staff participate in [Community Understanding and Safety Training \(CUST\)](#) training
- provide tailored training and professional development each year to build knowledge for specific staff based on any emerging or current areas of need
- ensure training and professional development equips teaching staff to deliver Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives within the classroom curriculum. Teachers attend professional development sessions on Cultural Understanding and Safety Training. The school provides curriculum resources aligned with the Victorian Curriculum and supports teachers in designing units that include Indigenous storytelling, art, and local history
- support teachers to work in their Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to map and develop teaching and learning activities within the Victorian Curriculum priorities to enable staff to build their confidence with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander content and to recognise opportunities to draw upon Aboriginal pedagogies and practices within their classrooms
- ensure training and professional development equips staff with an understanding and appreciation of the strengths of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and its importance to the wellbeing and safety of Koorie children and students
- staff are encouraged to participate in local Cultural programs and events.

Curriculum and learning

Narrarrang Primary School supports the development of high expectations and individualised learning for Koorie students and creates a learning environment for all students that acknowledges, respects and values Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and identities. This includes:

- implementing the Department of Education's [Koorie Education Policy](#)
- ensuring that all Koorie students have individual education plans developed in partnership with students, families, and KESOs
- NAIDOC Week is celebrated annually with a range of age-appropriate cultural activities
- using the [Koorie Literacy and Numeracy Program \(KLNP\)](#) guidelines - for eligible First Nation primary students in both Early Years KLNP (EYKLNP) from F-3 and Extended KLNP (E-KLNP) for students in years 4-6, to obtain additional supports and funding to improve literacy/numeracy outcomes in line with goals and targets of individualised IEPs
- speaking with respect about Koorie culture, knowledge systems and people
- being mindful of cultural sensitivity when presenting lessons and activities.

Assemblies and other school events and activities

We ensure our school events and activities acknowledge and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture by:

- acknowledging the Country and Traditional Owners of the land on which our school is located, *Bunurong*, at the start of every school assembly and meeting

- arranging Welcome to Country by local Elders at major school events such as the opening of new buildings or campuses
- arranging incursions and excursions, and recognising key events and anniversaries that celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

Built and digital environment

We ensure our built environment and website demonstrates an appreciation and acknowledgment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture through:

- flying the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags on school grounds
- displaying plaques/signs outside our main entrance that Acknowledge Country and Traditional Owners
- including an Acknowledgement of Country and Traditional Owners on our website home page
- consulting with local Traditional Owners, represented by the local Bunurong people to endorse the design of this school. We sought feedback and advice on:
 - local Indigenous plantings
 - translations of Indigenous words related to our buildings and school name
 - design elements including artwork that enhance cultural education and understanding.

Community feedback

We recognise that our school's practices must be regularly reviewed and updated in partnership with our families and local communities. We encourage you to contact the General Office with any feedback, concerns or suggestions.

Review and approval

Policy last reviewed	July 2025
Consultation	Consultation with students, staff and parents/carers and/or School Council to take place in Term 1, 2026 (or as soon as the School Council is appointed)
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	Term 1, 2026 To ensure ongoing relevance and continuous improvement, this policy will be reviewed every 1-2 years thereafter*

*The *Action Plan Aboriginal Learning, Wellbeing and Safety* will be reviewed earlier if a significant incident occurs or due to legislative changes.