



St Pius X High School

Aboriginal Education Policy

1. Rationale

St Pius X High School is committed to "the cause of reconciliation between Indigenous Australians and those whose forbears come from other countries". Catholic educators are challenged to: "be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit; affirm and value all people; discern new ways to assist all Australians to understand their country's histories and cultural identities; exercise leadership in educating people to understand the process of Reconciliation".

2. Aims

- 2.1. To develop in Aboriginal children an enhanced sense of personal worth through acceptance and appreciation.
- 2.2. To develop knowledge and positive attitudes towards contemporary Aborigines.
- 2.3. To ensure that the school curriculum contains an Aboriginal perspective.
- 2.4. To encourage positive attitudes towards Aborigines in all levels of the school community – staff, pupils and parents.
- 2.5. To guide development of knowledge, understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal culture in the context of the Australian multi-cultural society.

3. Implementation

We as educators can effectively programme, across the curriculum, by providing accurate information about Aboriginal history, identity and culture.

This can be achieved by:

- 3.1. A positive approach to the teaching of Aboriginal history and contributions
- 3.2. The development of specific Aboriginal programmes where possible (eg Art/Craft, Dance, History) and the embedding of Aboriginal content in all subjects
- 3.3. The development of staff awareness to the individual needs of Aboriginal children at the school

4. Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of SEVDEV process.