

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

Berwick Secondary College

June 2020 to June 2021

RELATIONSHIPS



IN THE CLASSROOM

- Enhance teaching and learning activities by engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from within the school community.
- Provide opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and children to engage in activities that celebrate their cultural heritage and identities.



AROUND THE SCHOOL

- Encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representation on committees.
- Provide opportunities for staff to build and extend knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.
- Provide opportunities for staff, students and community members to collaborate on whole school reconciliation projects.



WITH THE COMMUNITY

- Coordinate a Welcome to Country for significant events.
- Celebrate National Reconciliation Week (NRW) from 27 May to 3 June each year.
- Maintain a list of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, organisations and other key stakeholders within the local area to help implement RAP initiatives.
- Build relationships with the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community that are founded on mutual respect, trust and inclusiveness.
- Provide opportunities for students and children to extend their knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.
- Establish a dedicated space for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, children, families and community members within the school.

RESPECT



IN THE CLASSROOM

- Teach about the concept, history and progress of reconciliation in Australia.
- Raise awareness of current affairs and issues in the public domain that are of particular significance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the process of reconciliation.



AROUND THE SCHOOL

- Develop understanding of what it means to acknowledge Country, and provide everyone the opportunity to do so at meetings and events throughout the year.
- Physically and visibly demonstrate respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and contributions around the school.



WITH THE COMMUNITY

- Fly or display the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags all year round to demonstrate pride and respect for Australia's First Peoples.
- Raise awareness of, teach about, and take positive action against racism.

OPPORTUNITIES



IN THE CLASSROOM

- Ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures are incorporated in curriculum planning, development and evaluation processes.



AROUND THE SCHOOL

- Ensure policies are inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and aim to increase knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures.
- Encourage staff to be involved in the ongoing development and implementation of the RAP through staff development opportunities.



WITH THE COMMUNITY

- Celebrate RAP progress in the school and throughout the community.

Signature

Date