

KOORIE EDUCATION

POLICY

Rationale:

- It is recognised that indigenous and non-indigenous students alike benefit significantly from programs that encompass aspects of the contemporary cultural heritage and lifestyle of koorie* people, as well as the history and traditional aspects of koorie history. Furthermore, indigenous students benefit greatly from culturally inclusive school environments that recognise, respect and support their cultural background and cater for their individual needs.

Aims:

The koorie education program will support all students in the classroom to: -

- achieve improved educational outcomes;
- to promote, maintain and support the teaching of indigenous studies, cultures and languages to indigenous and non-indigenous students;
- and to strengthen relationships between indigenous communities and the school.

Implementation:

- Koorie education within our school will be consistent with and embrace the Wannik strategy and its various initiatives.
- A senior staff member will coordinate koorie education, coordinate the successful implementation of the Wannik strategy, and establish links with the wider koorie community.
- All staff will be provided with koorie education professional development including cultural awareness training, Wannik initiatives and support programs.
- All koorie students will have an individual education plan, and we will expand our It's Not OK to be Away strategy to include the koorie-specific version.
- Koorie students experiencing difficulty in literacy or numeracy will receive additional support consistent with their Individual Education Plan needs.
- All koorie students will be monitored using the Student Mapping Tool.
- Standards, targets, assessment and reporting will be consistent with school processes and the Koorie Assessment and Reporting Support Materials.
- Partnerships will be developed between the school and the community to jointly progress the standards of education, and to encourage active involvement of indigenous people in school decision-making processes.
- Encouragement will be given for koorie students to seek scholarships, attend leadership programs, and seek enrolment in high achievers programs.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed annually by the Koorie Ed. coordinator, Koorie Support staff, and members of the school's koorie community where applicable.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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