

Walking Together

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE

NSW ABORIGINAL EDUCATION
CONSULTATIVE GROUP INC

AND THE

NSW DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

2020-2030

What we agree

The NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc (NSW AECG) and the NSW Department of Education (the department) agree to use our best endeavours to ensure that every Aboriginal child and young person in NSW achieves their potential through education.

The outcomes we will achieve by working together

The educational outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people will be as good as or better than those of the general student population of New South Wales.

On completion of school, Aboriginal young people will confidently express and demonstrate their knowledge of the cultures of their own Peoples as well as their achievement of western education.

How will we do this

The NSW AECG will support these endeavours by providing appropriate cultural and community knowledge and understandings to teachers and other education staff through professional learning.

The NSW AECG will work with the department on the development and implementation of educational policies and programs and will facilitate consultations with Communities and Elders and knowledge holders to achieve these aims.

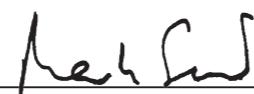
What we will see

- Aboriginal children will access early childhood education prior to school.
- The achievements of Aboriginal young people at school will give them a pathway into higher education, further training and/or sustainable employment.
- Aboriginal children and young people will become proficient in the language of their Country/Culture or of others (with permission).

- Schools will demonstrate that they value the identity, culture, heritage and languages of their Aboriginal students.
- Staff will demonstrate that they respect the identity, culture, heritage and languages of their Aboriginal students.
- Staff will demonstrate that they believe the parents of Aboriginal students have high aspirations for their children; and that they believe the Aboriginal students they teach are able to achieve their aspirations.
- The department will demonstrate that the NSW AECG is its peak advisory body for the education of Aboriginal Peoples in New South Wales by
 - always consulting with the NSW AECG first on all matters related to the education of Aboriginal school children.
 - always working with the NSW AECG in developing and implementing policy and programs for the education of Aboriginal students.
- The department will work with the NSW AECG to ensure effective consultation occurs with Communities at the local level, in acknowledgement of the AECG's grassroots structure.
- The Partnership Agreement will provide the foundation for the development of School Plans.
- On the path to achieving these goals, the department will build the Premier's Priorities for the education of Aboriginal students into the system.



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