

# HOW CAN MY SCHOOL SUPPORT RECONCILIATION ?

## RECONCILIATION REQUIRES US ALL TO BUILD BRIDGES

This National Reconciliation Week, we invite your school to be a voice for change and create a future where all students grow up in a reconciled and equitable Australia. By learning, acting, and sharing, your school community can play a crucial role in building bridges between past injustices and a united, respectful future.

### **LEARN** – BUILD CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING IN YOUR SCHOOL

Strengthening knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures, and perspectives is key

- Download the **Reconciliation in Education Kit** and explore **Narragunnawali resources**.
- Provide <u>Cultural Competency Training</u> for staff (please mention that Reconciliation NSW referred you to Black Card).
- Display <u>Aboriginal languages maps</u> and learn about local Indigenous history.
- Include First Nations history and perspectives across all subjects.

#### **ACT - MAKE MEANINGFUL CHANGES**

Take active steps to make reconciliation a part of your school's culture.

- Start meetings with an <u>Acknowledgment of Country</u>.
- Hold events for NAIDOC Week and Reconciliation Week.
- Register and develop a <u>Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)</u>.
- Invite local Elders and First Nations artists to engage with students.
- Visit local Aboriginal sites of significance.
- Engage students with the NRW theme using the <u>Narragunnawali resources</u>.
- Contact your <u>Aboriginal Education Consultative Group</u> regional rep to ensure gains in education for Aboriginal people.
- Participate in the Schools Reconciliation Challenge.

#### **SHARE - AMPLIFY FIRST NATIONS VOICES**

Use your platform to amplify First Nations voices and spark change.

- Display Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags and artworks around the school.
- Share your school's reconciliation journey on social media and your website.
- Stock your library with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander books and resources.

By taking these steps, your school can actively support reconciliation and help build bridges for future generations.