Aboriginal Education Room (J1)

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

J1 is a culturally inclusive classroom at Nepean CAPA that has been intentionally designed to centre First Nations culture, identity and lived experience in all aspects of its operation. From the physical environment which features Aboriginal art, language and cultural items to the pedagogical approach and curriculum choices, J1 is built on the principle that cultural safety is not optional: it is the foundation of effective learning for all students.

The classroom brings together students for whom a culturally affirming, flexible and relational learning environment is essential. First Nations cultural perspectives are not added on as an afterthought, they shape what is taught, how it is taught, and the values that govern how students and teachers interact. Strong relationships, storytelling, Country and community are woven into the daily rhythm of J1.

Teachers in J1 engage in ongoing professional learning in culturally responsive pedagogy, working closely with the school's Aboriginal Education team and community advisors to ensure the classroom continues to grow and reflect best practice.

IMPACT ON STUDENTS

Students in J1 report significantly higher levels of engagement, sense of belonging and confidence in their identity. For First Nations students in particular, J1 represents a space where their culture is not merely acknowledged but an experience that many have not had elsewhere in their schooling.

J1 has become a Hub for all students to come together and build community surrounded by Aboriginal Culture.

Learning in J1





Community in J1





