Reconciliation Program

Reconciliation Challenge 2026

Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School

Aspire the Heights

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Each year, Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School runs a dedicated two-day Reconciliation Program incursion that sits at the direct intersection of the NSW Schools Reconciliation Challenge and the lived culture of our school community. The program is built around the annual Reconciliation Week theme, using it as both a learning focus and a creative brief — students do not just hear about the theme, they explore it, discuss it, and respond to it through art.

The incursion brings First Nations community members, cultural knowledge-holders and artists into the school to lead students across two structured days. Day one centres on cultural learning: students are welcomed to Country, introduced to the theme and its significance, and participate in yarning circles and cultural workshops that build understanding from the ground up. Day two turns that understanding into creation, as students develop original works that express their response to the theme using techniques and frameworks drawn from First Nations art practice.

IMPACT ON STUDENTS

The incursion structure gives students the time and space to move well beyond surface-level awareness. Through yarning circles, cultural workshops and guided reflection, students interrogate the theme from multiple angles (historical, cultural and personal) arriving at a depth of understanding that is then expressed through their works. The result is evidence of genuine thinking and a deep heartfelt connection to the work that they produced.

For First Nations students, the program is particularly significant. Seeing their culture, stories and art forms placed at the centre of a whole-school experience and communicates something powerful about how we as a learning community value their identity and heritage.

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