

Identifying and Supporting Priority Cohorts

An approach to inclusive practices at Kurnai College



Who are our priority cohorts?

College Size **1347 students**

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**D.I.
Students**

153 (11%)



**Indigenous
Students**

157 (12%)



**Multicultural
Students**

91 (7%)

What practices does your school have in place that promote inclusion for your priority cohorts?



These are some of the things we have done:

Human Resources	Financial	Learning
Advocate Team	Kurnai Pantry	Cultural Training
Community Engagement Worker	Ready Room	SWPBS
Inclusion Leadership & Staffing	Cultural Safe Spaces	Berry Street
Position of Responsibilities & Pathways	Yarning Circle	Respectful Relationships & Resilience Project
Leadership	Totems & Signage	Bridges Out of Poverty
Position of Responsibilities & Pathways	Celebrations Music & Arts, Breakfasts, NAIDOC, End of Year to Gumbuya World	SPPIKE
Alternative Program Hands on Learning & Pathways Program	Use of Stymie & Focus Groups	Trauma Informed Practices
Extensive Wellbeing Team Doctors, MHP, Nurses & Counsellors	Reward Systems	Universal Classroom Practices
Flexible Learning Option	High profile presenters and professional learning	Working with Educational Support Staff
Kurnai Young Parents Program		

What did we do that made all these things have an impact on the inclusive culture of our College?



Culture and ethos of our College



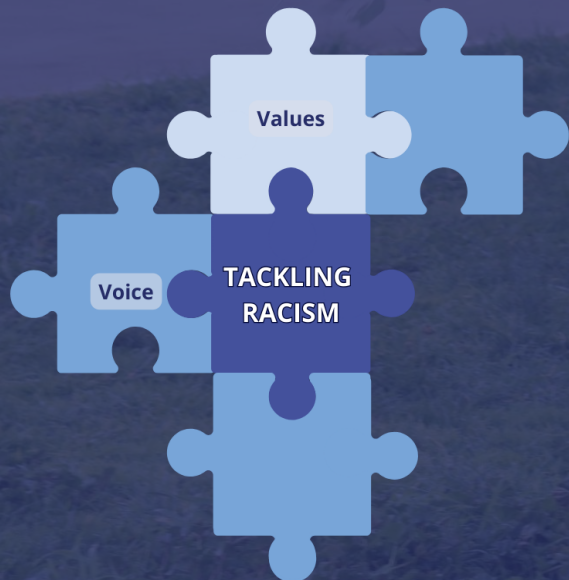
Leadership worked hard to make links



Leadership



Tackling Racism





Impact of Racism

College Size 1338 students



160 students identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander



15 international Students and 4 EAL

How do students respond to racism?

Why does it hurt?

What mindset is needed for change?





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«REWIND

PLAY▶



Extension to support other minority groups



Challenges



Inclusion through our approach to Disability Inclusion



Who are our kids?



450 students captured on our NCCD



153 Disability Inclusion Students



Level of Supports

Referrals for DI



Capacity Building

“Inclusive, good-quality education is a foundation for dynamic and equitable societies”

Desmond Tutu

“Inclusion is everyone's business”

Anthony Rodaughan

Challenges



Not all teachers all the time



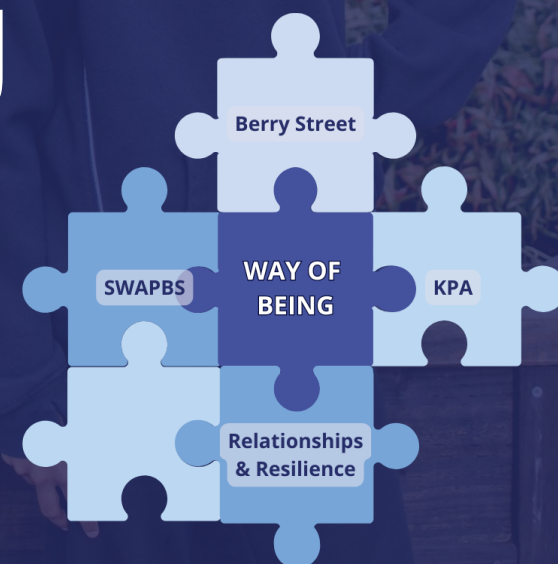
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Values and Beliefs



Inclusion through our way of being



Data

Attitudes to School Survey



**Sense of
Connectedness**



**Respect for
Diversity**



**Student
Safety**



**School
Climate**



Kurnai College
GATEWAY TO THE FUTURE



Our Next Step

We're formalising what works into a wellbeing model to mirror our instructional model

KURNAL COLLEGE WELLBEING MODEL



SELF

(SELF-AWARENESS & REGULATION)

- Berry Street Education Model
Entry routines, process praise, positive primers, exit routines
- Resilience Project
- Gratitude, empathy, mindfulness
- Respectful Relationships
- Expected behaviours
- Mental health practitioners
- SWPBS Tier 1 strategies
- Disability inclusion



SUPPORTS

(HOW WE SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS)

- Wellbeing team
- Care team meetings
- Mental health practitioners
- School nurse
- Doctors in schools
- Careers team
- Koorle support team
- Symbio
- Advocates
- Tiered interventions



CULTURE ROCK

(WHAT WE BELIEVE AT KURNAL)

- Predictable classroom routines
- Safe and orderly environments
- Creating connections
- SMPBS
- KPA
- Berry Street Education
- Trauma informed practice
- Respectful Relationships
- Disability inclusion
- First Nations perspectives
- Generational poverty training
- Knowing our community and learners



CONNECTS ROCK

(HOW OUR STUDENTS INTERACT WITH OTHERS)

- Creating connections
- Respectful Relationships
- Gratitude, empathy, mindfulness
- Live 4 Life
- Classroom discussions
- Positive acknowledgments
- SWPBS
- Peer-based supports
via Koorle team/advocates



Improving Teacher Practice

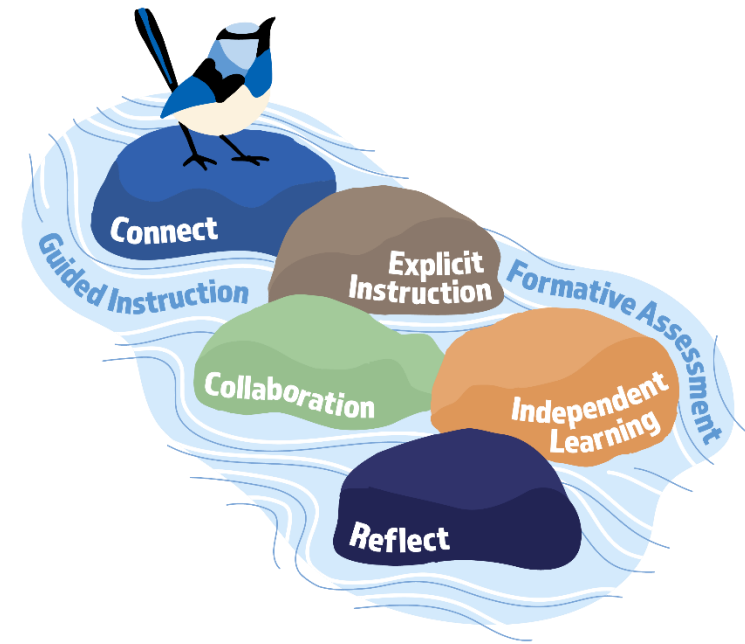
Driving continued improvement through the Instructional model

Constantly linking educational research, department resources and professional learning

Grounds our peer observations and learning walks.

Continued next steps of tying a coaching model and student feedback survey

Linking with the wellbeing model



Staff opinion survey for our College

	2024	Improvement	Similar	State
Professional learning through peer observations	82%	50% in 2 years	42% above	37% above
Use of pedagogical model	75%	7% in 2 years	9% above	6% above
Understands contributions to school improvement	78%	12% in 2 years	16% above	12% above
Professional learning to improve practice	75%	11% in 2 years	15% above	11% above
Coherence of Professional learning	79%	12% in 2 years	16% above	16% above



Challenges



Staffing



Differentiating for our Staff



Multi Campus



Continuing to build links





Questions

