

ARTIST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Artist: Zachary Bennett-Brook

Zachary is a contemporary artist, Indigenous man of Torres Strait Islander ancestry born and raised on Dharawal Country. This artwork was commissioned for Kids Uni to be used as part of our Reconciliation Action Plan. The white dotted lines represent the learning journey of the children moving their way through Kids Uni. The circular patterns represent meeting places where people come together to share knowledge. The multilayered circular pattern reflects notions of working together and interconnecting as one, it highlights working in harmony and supporting those around you.









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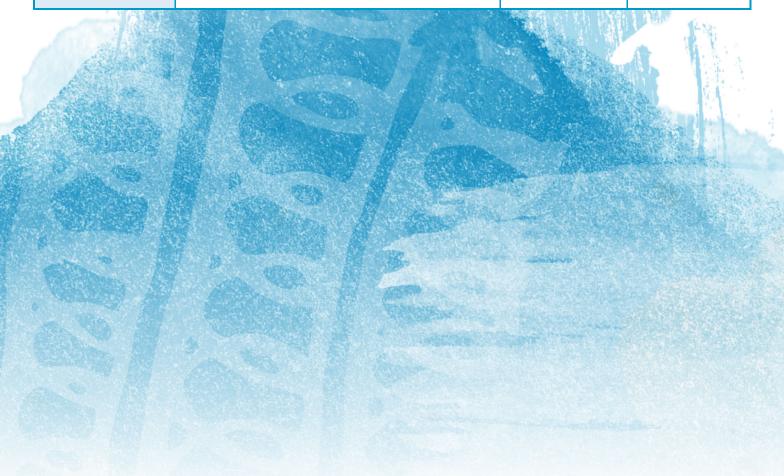
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Early Years Learning Framework - Early Learning Specific	We commit to seeking out meaningful connections between our vision and plans for reconciliation and the principles, practices and outcomes of the Early Years Learning Framework. Establishing a strong relationship between the two will ensure reconciliation is meaningfully embedded in everyday early learning environments.	Louise W, Emma S, Rhonda B, Jane C, Amanda M, Kate A, Cassie W, Nicola J, Nicole B	01/01/2022 - 30/06/2022



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	Explore Current Affairs and Issues	We are committed to raising awareness of current affairs and issues in the public domain that are of particular significance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the process of reconciliation. This will be done through curriculum delivery, policies and procedures, and will be integrated into the ethos of our early learning service.	Rhonda B, Kellie G, Emma S, Jane C, Louise W, Amanda M, Kate A, Cassie W, Nicola J, Nicole B	Ongoing



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Acknowledgement of Country	Our early learning service recognises the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to the Country on which we live, work, learn and grow. All staff and students have the opportunity to show respect to Traditional Owners and Custodians by regularly conducting an Acknowledgement of Country at meetings and events throughout the year.	Kellie G	31/12/2021
Visibly Demonstrate Respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures	We commit to demonstrating our respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures in the physical environment of our early learning service. We understand that making our respect visible in the learning environment through the incorporation of meaningful, relevant and culturally appropriate art, artefacts and symbolism reinforces our work toward reconciliation. It also makes our intentions and actions clear to our students, parents and the broader community.	Kellie G	31/03/2022

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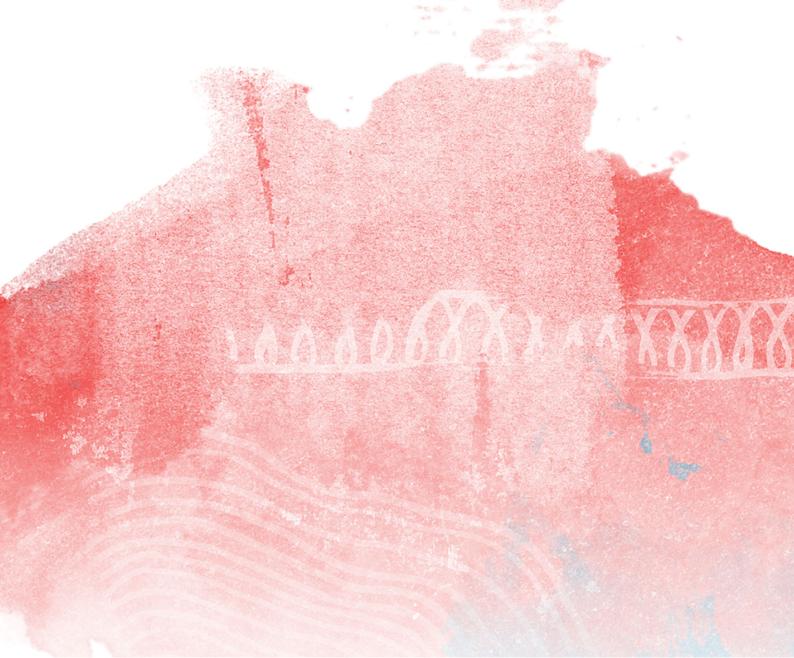


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	Celebrate Days of National Significance	We commit to organising and participating in events to celebrate or commemorate days/weeks of national significance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the reconciliation movement to show our pride in, and respect for, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and contributions. We also commit to including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives when we commemorate other national days, such as January 26 (Australia Day) and Anzac Day.	Rhonda B, Kellie G, Emma S, Jane C, Louise W, Amanda M, Kate A, Cassie W, Nicola J, Nicole B	Ongoing
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags	Our early learning service flies or displays the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags as a demonstration of our pride and respect for the histories, cultures and contributions of Australia's First Peoples. Flying or displaying the flags promotes a sense of community partnership and a commitment toward reconciliation.	Kellie G, Louise W, Nicole B	30/09/2021
	RAP Launch	Our early learning service is proud to launch our RAP at an event that recognises the efforts of the working group and celebrates our school or service's commitment to reconciliation. We will use our RAP launch event to inform the wider community about our RAP and the many different ways they can get involved and take action toward reconciliation.	Kellie G	30/11/2021

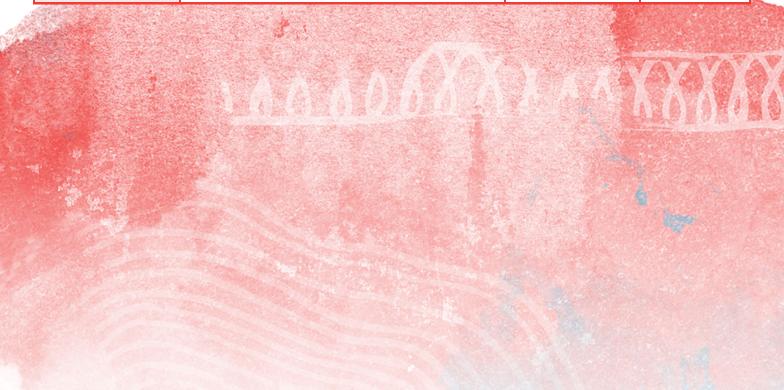
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Take Action Against Racism	Racism can have serious negative consequences for the people who experience it, for those who witness it, and for wider society. When racism is properly understood it is easier to overcome. We commit to building awareness of what racism is, the impacts of racism and how to respond effectively when it occurs through an anti-racism strategy tailored to the needs of our early learning service.	Kellie G	Ongoing



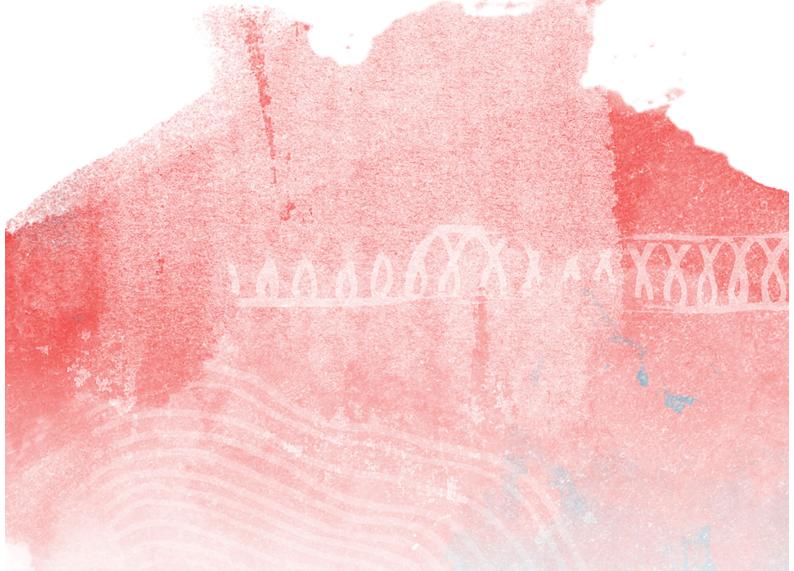
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Curriculum Planning	Embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures in curriculum planning, development and evaluation processes is a key and ongoing consideration across all year levels and learning areas. Curriculum documents have or will be audited to identify the extent to which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and contributions are already embedded, and to identify opportunities for strengthening the representation of this content in the curriculum.	Louise W, Emma S, Rhonda B, Jane C, Amanda M, Kate A, Cassie W, Nicola J, Nicole B	Ongoing



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Inclusive Policies	All staff in our early learning service are aware of policies that refer specifically to improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and increasing knowledge of, and respect for, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures in Australia. We have a plan in place to ensure all staff comply with these policies in their daily practice. Our internal policies have been, or will be, amended to ensure they are also inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and increase knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures in Australia.	Kellie G	Ongoing
Staff Engagement with RAP	Commitment to the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) from all staff is essential for developing a RAP that is implemented in a meaningful and sustainable way. All staff will be involved in the ongoing development and implementation of our RAP through staff development opportunities facilitated by the RAP Working Group.	Kellie G, Emma S, Rhonda B, Jane C, Louise W, Amanda M, Kate A, Cassie W, Nicola J, Nicole B	Ongoing



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Employment Strategy	We commit to the development and implementation of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment strategy. This will assist in attracting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates to vacancies, as well as supporting current Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees.	Kellie G	31/12/2022
Celebrate RAP Progress	We are committed to reflecting on the progress made in the growth of knowledge and pride in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and contributions in our early learning service. We will track the progress of our RAP, continually revisit our commitments, and celebrate our achievements, while generating new ideas to develop and sustain our RAP into the future.	Kellie G, Emma S, Rhonda B, Jane C, Louise W, Amanda M, Kate A, Cassie W, Nicola J, Nicole B	Ongoing





RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

UoW Pulse Children's Services - Kids Uni September 2021 to September 2022

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RAP WORKING DOCUMENT AS AT 06/09/2021

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RAP Working Group members can use this working document to view some of the details of their RAP in a single file location; to make offline notes about RAP details; and to inform internal reflection and planning processes relating to the RAP.

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Relationships in the classroom

Action: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in the Classroom

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Due date: 31/12/2022

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work alongside our students and children in learning activities. Having an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander presence in learning environments is vital when teaching about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories

and cultures.

Goal: Each service will work towards developing and sustaining meaningful, ongoing relationships with the local

Aboriginal community, providing opportunities for ongoing cultural liaison, community engagement,

contracting and employment of First Nations people within our centres.

Deliverables:

Each service works towards developing and sustaining meaningful ongoing relationships with the local Aboriginal community by attending local events, AECG NI meetings Jane Chalker Due Date: 30/06/22 and networking opportunities, and connecting with our local UOW and WIC communities for support.

Ensuring reciprocity, opportunities will be provided to engage the local Aboriginal community through employment pathways. For example, contracting a local First Nations artist to embed a mural as permanent infrastructure in our spaces, employing First Nations Cultural inclusion Officer 1 day a week, contracting First Nations Cultural Consultants, educators and Elders to deliver workshops across our centres.

Kellie Grose Due Date: 30/06/22

Our centres will work with UOW Pulse to develop Aboriginal Employment Strategies, supporting pathways of employments for First Nations Early Childhood Educators, administration and support staff

Kellie Grose Due Date: 31/12/22

Relationships in the classroom

Action: Early Years Learning Framework - Early Learning Specific

Assigned to: Louise W, Emma S, Rhonda B, Jane C, Amanda M, Kate A, Cassie W, Nicola J, Nicole B

Due date: 01/01/2022 - 30/06/2022

Commitment: We commit to seeking out meaningful connections between our vision and plans for reconciliation and the

principles, practices and outcomes of the Early Years Learning Framework. Establishing a strong relationship between the two will ensure reconciliation is meaningfully embedded in everyday early learning environments.

Goal: For educators to document children's learning and experiences relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

history and culture and to link this learning and experience to curriculum principles, practices outcomes.

0	All educators will take time to reflect on the practices, principles and outcomes for children in the EYLF document. Educators will engage in reflective conversations about how these relate to learning and experiences around Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture.	Louise Windisch	Due Date:	30/06/22
0	All educators will document examples of learning that relate to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture and reference EYLF principles, practices and outcomes.	Louise Windisch	Due Date:	30/06/22
0	All educators participate in professional development opportunities to enhance their understandings of inclusive pedagogies, supporting engagement of First Nations students and appropriately embedding Aboriginal perspectives in the classroom	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	30/06/22

Relationships around the school

Action: Elders and Traditional Owners Share Histories and Cultures

Assigned to: Rhonda B, Emma S, Jane C, Louise W, Amanda M, Kate A, Cassie W, Nicola J, Nicole B

Due date: 30/09/2021 - 30/09/2022

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historical and cultural knowledge with our staff, students and children.

Goal: Children and educators will have opportunity to speak with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and

Traditional Owners about Country, Community, history and culture.

Deliverables:

Develop and sustain meaningful relationships with the local
Aboriginal community by attending local events, AECG
meetings, networking opportunities and connecting with our local UoW community for support.

Jane Chalker

Due Date: 31/03/22

Ongoing engagement of local Elders and Traditional Owners into our classrooms support staff and students.

Rhonda Bitschkat

Due Date: 31/03/22

Relationships around the school

Action: Cultural Competence for Staff

Assigned to: Kellie G

Due date: Ongoing

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build and extend their knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. We also commit to supporting staff to independently seek out and participate in a variety of cultural awareness

experiences that assist them on their own journey of understanding.

Goal: All educators will have access to regular formal and informal learning opportunities to support their cultural

competence, allowing them to act in culturally safe and responsible ways with our learning and broader

community.

0	Through the employment of a Cultural Inclusion Support Teacher, all staff at all centres will have access to ongoing Cultural Consulting to enhance inclusive practices, and enact cultural safety across Kids' Uni.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	31/12/21
0	At least twice per year, as a minimum, a provocation will be provided in our team meetings to engage educators in reflective conversations that will support cultural competence and safety.	Nicole Bray	Due Date:	30/06/22
0	All staff will participate in formal and informal Cultural Competencies professional development to enhance pedagogy and practice, resulting in more responsible and culturally safe practices.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	30/09/22

Relationships with the community

Action: Welcome to Country

Assigned to: Kellie G, Emma S, Rhonda B, Jane C, Louise W, Amanda M, Kate A, Cassie W, Nicola J, Nicole B

Due date: Ongoing

Commitment: Where appropriate, significant events at our early learning service commence with a Welcome to Country.

Protocols for welcoming visitors to Country have been a part of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures for thousands of years. By incorporating these protocols into formal events and important occasions, we recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Australians and Custodians of their Land.

Goal: Build safe and meaningful relationships with Traditional Custodians through UOW and AECG communities,

and invite community into our centres to conduct Welcome to Country ceremonies for significant events.

Acknowledgement of Country will be delivered in reciprocity.

()	We will work with the local Aboriginal community within UoW and the Northern Illawarra AECG to create and maintain safe and meaningful relationships, to understand appropriate protocols around connecting with, and inviting, Traditional Custodians to conduct Welcome to Country ceremonies at Kids Uni.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	30/06/22
(С	After creating meaningful relationships, we will invite Traditional Custodian/s to conduct a Welcome to Country at our RAP launch event.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	30/11/21
(\supset	Kids Uni will invite a Traditional Custodian to conduct a Welcome to Country ceremony at at least one significant event with children and families each year. Acknowledgement of Country will be delivered in reciprocity and children will share their Reconciliation Statement in classrooms each day.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	30/11/22

Relationships with the community

Action: Celebrate National Reconciliation Week

Assigned to: Emma S, Rhonda B, Kellie G, Jane C, Louise W, Amanda M, Kate A, Cassie W, Nicola J, Nicole B

Due date: 27/05/2022 - 03/06/2022

Commitment: Our early learning service community celebrates National Reconciliation Week (NRW) which is held from 27 May

to 3 June each year by talking about reconciliation in the classroom and around the school, and celebrating with the community. NRW is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and

achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

Goal: Educators will celebrate Reconciliation Week with children, families and our community each year.

0	Educators will celebrate National Reconciliation Week with children in our classrooms by exploring and unpacking the National Reconciliation Week theme.	Emma Seitler	Due Date:	03/06/22
0	We will share our celebrations around National Reconciliation Week with families by creating displays in our foyers and / or classrooms, sharing our work through our educational programs and inviting families to join us for events.	Rhonda Bitschkat	Due Date:	03/06/22
0	We will connect with our community as part of our celebration of National Reconciliation Week and participate in local community events or initiatives. We will include children and families in these events whenever possible.	Louise Windisch	Due Date:	03/06/22

Relationships with the community

Action: Create Stakeholder List

Assigned to: Louise W, Amanda M, Kate A, Nicole B

Due date: 31/12/2021

Commitment: We will develop and maintain a stakeholder list that reflects our current and future working relationships with

members of the community who are committed to working collaboratively to drive reconciliation initiatives.

Goal: With a focus on reciprocity, we develop a list of stakeholders who may be able to support our work/ who we

may be able to support with regards to Reconciliation.

0	We will continue to make connections in our community with local Aboriginal people and organisations in order to make our work authentic and meaningful.	Louise Windisch	Due Date:	30/06/22
0	We will seek input from all educators to develop a list of relevant stakeholders who may be able to support our work around Reconciliation. This list will include 1-2 key contact people from Kids Uni who have the closest relationship with the stakeholder. These people will initially be the primary point of contact with the stakeholder.	Nicole Bray	Due Date:	30/11/21
0	We will communicate with each stakeholder on our list to share our RAP with them and to start conversations about our goals.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	30/06/22

Relationships with the community

Action: Build Relationships with Community

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built on mutual respect, trust and inclusiveness. We value these relationships and their role in helping to create opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous staff, students, children and

community members.

Goal: Building relationships will be at the core of our work around Reconciliation. We understand that our work

cannot be authentic and meaningful if we are not engaging with our community to seek support and understanding. We will actively seek out relationships within our University and broader community to ensure

that our Reconciliation initiatives are contextualised and relevant.

0	We will use our stakeholder list as a starting point to reach out to local people and organisations who can support us in our work around Reconciliation.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	31/03/22
0	We will work towards relationships that are reciprocal and we will recognise the knowledge, expertise and time offered by our local community to support our work.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	30/06/22
0	We will work with the UOW community to engage in and promote activities and events.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	31/12/22

Respect in the classroom

Action: Teach about Reconciliation

Assigned to: Emma S, Rhonda B, Jane C, Amanda M, Kate A, Cassie W, Nicola J

Due date: Ongoing

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understanding of the concept, history and progress of reconciliation is an important part of continuing the reconciliation journey. This understanding also helps to strengthen engagement with our early learning

service's RAP by positioning it within the broader story of reconciliation in Australia.

Goal: At Kids'Uni, we teach about Reconciliation, by supporting staff with cultural competency training to ensure

cultural safety when engaging our First Nations community and providing meaningful learning opportunities

for children.

0	All staff have access to professional development opportunities to enhance Cultural Competency and cultural safety, with an understanding of our Nation's History and its impacts on First Nation's communities.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	30/09/22
0	With awareness, cultural safety and respect, we engage local Traditional Elders and Custodians in our Centres to support our Reconciliation Journey.	Louise Windisch	Due Date:	30/06/22
0	In Culturally competent and safe ways, staff teach students about First Nations culture, community, country and history with meaningful and engaging learning opportunities.	Nicola Jefferson	Due Date:	30/12/22

Respect in the classroom

Action: Explore Current Affairs and Issues

Assigned to: Rhonda B, Kellie G, Emma S, Jane C, Louise W, Amanda M, Kate A, Cassie W, Nicola J, Nicole B

Due date: Ongoing

Commitment: We are committed to raising awareness of current affairs and issues in the public domain that are of particular

significance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the process of reconciliation. This will be done through curriculum delivery, policies and procedures, and will be integrated into the ethos of our early learning

service

Goal: We raise awareness of current affairs and issues in the public domain that are of particular significance to

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in all of our centres.

0	Directors and RAP champions will provide appropriate links to community events and broader organisations where appropriate and management will support attendance at these events during paid work periods.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	30/09/22
0	All Staff explore Days of Cultural Significant in centres through meaningful teaching. They maintain ongoing correspondence with parents and carers to support awareness in community.	Cassie Williams	Due Date:	30/09/22
0	Directors remain up to date with Educational policies and National Standards affecting First Nations enrolments, staff and the broader community.	Nicole Bray	Due Date:	30/09/22

Respect around the school

Action: Acknowledgement of Country

Assigned to: Kellie G

Due date: 31/12/2021

Commitment: Our early learning service recognises the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

to the Country on which we live, work, learn and grow. All staff and students have the opportunity to show respect to Traditional Owners and Custodians by regularly conducting an Acknowledgement of Country at

meetings and events throughout the year.

Goal: Write a unique acknowledgement of country, for both children and also adults, that is relevant to our

community. Share these words with all children, families, educators and visitors so that everyone feels confident in acknowledging country on a daily basis with children, and at each meeting or gathering with

educators, family and community.

0	Create an acknowledgement of country for all children to use on a daily basis in our classrooms. Seek feedback on this from all educators and communities, and implement in culturally appropriate ways.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	31/12/21
0	Create an acknowledgement of country for all educators to use at meetings and gatherings. Seek feedback on this from all educators and local Aboriginal community.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	31/12/21
0	Put in place an expectation that an acknowledgement of country will take place at the beginning of every meeting, event or gathering,	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	31/12/21

Respect around the school

Action: Visibly Demonstrate Respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures

Assigned to: Kellie G

Due date: 31/03/2022

Commitment: We commit to demonstrating our respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures in the

physical environment of our early learning service. We understand that making our respect visible in the learning environment through the incorporation of meaningful, relevant and culturally appropriate art, artefacts and symbolism reinforces our work toward reconciliation. It also makes our intentions and actions clear to our

students, parents and the broader community.

Goal: Ensure all centres celebrate, share and honour First Nations people, Culture, Country and Histories.

0	Embed visible Acknowledgement of Country in all centres in consultation with local community	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	31/03/22
0	Ensure all centres have access to culturally appropriate, engaging First Nations resources to support learning opportunities	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	31/03/22
0	In consultation with First Nations Community, embed meaningful, appropriate and highly visible First Nations artworks and designs across all centres in celebration and welcoming of local community.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	30/09/21

Respect around the school

Action: Care for Country

Assigned to: Jane C, Emma S, Rhonda B, Amanda M, Kate A, Cassie W, Nicola J

Due date: Ongoing

Commitment: We commit to actively connecting with, and caring for, the Country/place on which our early learning service

stands. This involves respectfully learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives,

philosophies and practices about caring for Country/place, as well as physically demonstrating respect for the skies, waterways and Land on which we live and learn. We will consider First Nations perspectives as part of broader sustainability plans, policies and practices. This will reinforce the meaningful and continuous connections Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have continued to have with Country/place since time immemorial, as well as provide positive opportunities for all members of our educational community to become socially and environmentally responsible citizens who display a growing awareness of the importance

of First Nations land management and sustainability.

Goal: Through community connections, we will support children to become environmentally and sociably minded

through respectfully learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives, philosophies and practices about caring for Country/place, as well as physically demonstrating respect for the Lands, skies and

waterways where living and learning takes place.

0	Students and families are provided education and opportunities to appreciate and care for Country at their centres daily e.g. Ensure water isn't wasted, recycling programs, planting of native trees to welcome birds etc.	Jane Chalker	Due Date:	30/09/22
0	Engage in cultural consultation to ensure First Nations knowledge of cultural conservation, cultivation and care for country informs the development of a natural spaces at our centres (eg bush tucker and native garden spaces).	Louise Windisch	Due Date:	30/09/22
0	Connect with community to provide students opportunities to learn about local conservation, cultivation and care for country. Include learning in our natural spaces and gardens at Kids' Uni.	Louise Windisch	Due Date:	30/06/22

Respect with the community

Action: Celebrate Days of National Significance

Assigned to: Rhonda B, Kellie G, Emma S, Jane C, Louise W, Amanda M, Kate A, Cassie W, Nicola J, Nicole B

Due date: Ongoing

Commitment: We commit to organising and participating in events to celebrate or commemorate days/weeks of national

significance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the reconciliation movement to show our pride in, and respect for, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and contributions. We also commit to including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives when we commemorate other national

days, such as January 26 (Australia Day) and Anzac Day.

Goal: To demonstrate pride in, and respect for, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and

contributions, Kids' Uni will organise and participate in events to celebrate or commemorate days/weeks of national significance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the reconciliation movement.

0	Kids' Uni staff participate in UOW/ UOW PULSE NAIDOC and Reconciliation Events on Campus.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	30/06/22
0	Educators engage with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to teach students about National Days of Significance.	Kate Allison	Due Date:	30/06/22

Respect with the community

Action: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags

Assigned to: Kellie G, Louise W, Nicole B

Due date: 30/09/2021

Commitment: Our early learning service flies or displays the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags as a demonstration of

our pride and respect for the histories, cultures and contributions of Australia's First Peoples. Flying or displaying the flags promotes a sense of community partnership and a commitment toward reconciliation.

Goal: All centres display the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags to demonstrate pride and respect for the

histories, cultures and contributions of Australia's First Peoples.

Deliverables:

All centres display Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags

for staff, students and community to see upon entry to the Kellie Grose Due Date: 30/09/21

Respect with the community

Action: RAP Launch

Assigned to: Kellie G

Due date: 30/11/2021

Commitment: Our early learning service is proud to launch our RAP at an event that recognises the efforts of the working

group and celebrates our school or service's commitment to reconciliation. We will use our RAP launch event to inform the wider community about our RAP and the many different ways they can get involved and take action

toward reconciliation.

Goal: Kids' Uni will hold an event to acknowledge the launch of our Reconciliation Action Plan with community. We

will celebrate the implementation of our RAP and dedication of our RAP working Group.

Deliverables:

First Nations Community, UOW PULSE, UOW Community, Kids' Uni staff, families and students are involved in RAP kellie Grose Due Date: 30/11/21 aunch at UOW.

RAP is launched digitally with UOW PULSE and community. Kellie Grose Due Date: 30/09/21

Respect with the community

Action: Take Action Against Racism

Assigned to: Kellie G

Due date: Ongoing

Commitment: Racism can have serious negative consequences for the people who experience it, for those who witness it, and

for wider society. When racism is properly understood it is easier to overcome. We commit to building awareness of what racism is, the impacts of racism and how to respond effectively when it occurs through an

anti-racism strategy tailored to the needs of our early learning service.

Goal: At all centres, our staff and students take action through ongoing professional development and

implementation of UOW and UOW Pulse policy to counter racism by building awareness of racism, its impacts,

and how to respond effectively to racism.

0	In meaningful, engaging and appropriate ways, staff teach about inclusion, and diversity, continuing a zero tolerance for racist, derogatory and hurtful behaviours within the classroom	Emma Seitler	Due Date:	31/03/22
0	All staff are required to engage in Equal Employment Opportunity EEO mandatory training, outlining zero tolerance of racism within our centres.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	31/12/21
0	Staff at Kids Uni are invited to participate in UOW FUSE 'Racism it stops with me' campaign to encourage community engagement resource dissemination and video pledge against racism.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	31/12/21

Opportunities in the classroom

Action: Curriculum Planning

Assigned to: Louise W, Emma S, Rhonda B, Jane C, Amanda M, Kate A, Cassie W, Nicola J, Nicole B

Due date: Ongoing

Commitment: Embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures in curriculum planning, development

and evaluation processes is a key and ongoing consideration across all year levels and learning areas. Curriculum documents have or will be audited to identify the extent to which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and contributions are already embedded, and to identify opportunities for

strengthening the representation of this content in the curriculum.

Goal: Across all learning areas and centres, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures are embedded

in curriculum planning, development and evaluation processes.

0	First Nations perspectives and protocols are embedded in all programs and aligned to the Early Years Learning Framework.	Louise Windisch	Due Date:	30/06/22
0	Ongoing consultation with local AECG, Elders, Custodians and Community will support teachers to embed Aboriginal perspectives and protocols across the curriculum	Nicola Jefferson	Due Date:	30/06/22
0	Centre philosophies focus on Reconciliation to enhance Cultural Inclusion for all students	Nicole Bray	Due Date:	31/03/22

Opportunities around the school

Action: Inclusive Policies

Assigned to: Kellie G

Due date: Ongoing

Commitment: All staff in our early learning service are aware of policies that refer specifically to improving educational

outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and increasing knowledge of, and respect for, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures in Australia. We have a plan in place to ensure all staff comply with these policies in their daily practice. Our internal policies have been, or will be, amended to ensure they are also inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and increase knowledge of

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures in Australia.

Goal: Policies across all centres reflection Inclusive practices, supporting the ongoing engagement of Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander staff, students and community.

	0	Policies across all centres are reviewed and edited with focus on Cultural Inclusion.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	31/12/22
(0	All staff understand and implement culturally inclusive policies across all centres	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	31/12/22
	0	Our priority of access policy gives priority for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to access early childhood education and care.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	30/09/21

Opportunities around the school

Action: Staff Engagement with RAP

Assigned to: Kellie G, Emma S, Rhonda B, Jane C, Louise W, Amanda M, Kate A, Cassie W, Nicola J, Nicole B

Due date: Ongoing

Commitment: Commitment to the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) from all staff is essential for developing a RAP that is

implemented in a meaningful and sustainable way. All staff will be involved in the ongoing development and implementation of our RAP through staff development opportunities facilitated by the RAP Working Group.

Goal: All staff are encouraged to participate in ongoing implementation and development of the RAP.

Deliverables:

RAP Working Group and centre Directors ensure ongoing implementation of RAP in all centres with all staff, encouraging meaningful engagement with reconciliation actions and goals.

Kellie Grose
Due Date: 31/12/22

RAP actions and goals to be reviewed during staff meetings at all centres.

Louise Windisch
Due Date: 30/06/22

Opportunities with the community

Action: Employment Strategy

Assigned to: Kellie G

Due date: 31/12/2022

Commitment: We commit to the development and implementation of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment

strategy. This will assist in attracting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates to vacancies, as well as

supporting current Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees.

Goal: We provide employment opportunities for First Nations Elders, Traditional Owners, Artists, Educators and

Administrators.

Deliverables:

First Nations Employment strategy is developed and implemented to provide ongoing employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders peoples.

Kellie Grose

Due Date: 31/12/22

First Nations Elders, Traditional Custodians, Educators and Artists are employed in all centres to support culturally inclusive practices.

Kellie Grose

Due Date: 30/06/22

Opportunities with the community

Action: Celebrate RAP Progress

Assigned to: Kellie G, Emma S, Rhonda B, Jane C, Louise W, Amanda M, Kate A, Cassie W, Nicola J, Nicole B

Due date: Ongoing

Commitment: We are committed to reflecting on the progress made in the growth of knowledge and pride in Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and contributions in our early learning service. We will track the progress of our RAP, continually revisit our commitments, and celebrate our achievements, while generating

new ideas to develop and sustain our RAP into the future.

Goal: We monitor and celebrate the implementation, achievement and ongoing development of our RAP within our

communities including UOW community and AECG NI Community.

0	We celebrate our RAP launch with staff and broader community including UOW and AECG NI community.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	30/11/21
0	We celebrate the effective completion of RAP actions and goals within the Kids Uni community.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	31/12/22
0	We measure the impact of our RAP on our community through pre and post implementation surveys, to continually improve.	Kellie Grose	Due Date:	31/03/23

