



**RECONCILIATION
ACTION PLAN**

2011

**ST. PIUS X SCHOOL
MANNING**

St. Pius X Catholic School, Manning, acknowledges that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People were the first inhabitants of Australia over 50,000 years ago. Their cultures are as diverse as the land they belong to.:

“ a united Australia, which respects this land of ours, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and provides justice and equity for all.”.

Indigenous people were once the only people in Australia. Today, they make up 2.1% of the population. The Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (CAR) began in 1991. It spent ten years working on Reconciliation in Australia.

St. Pius X Catholic School, Manning, Perth recognises the need for ongoing work and reconciliation by re-affirming the human rights of all Australians, their customary laws, beliefs and traditions. Reconciliation is a work in progress. Reconciliation in Australia means trying to encourage Indigenous and non-indigenous and people to understand each other and to build better friendships.

**“ I will heal them, I will lead them and repay them with comfort”
(Is 57 : 18)**

Lillia Watson:

If you have come here to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you come here because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together”.

St.Pius X promotes the principals of inclusion, heritage human rights, equity, and justice. As the people of Australia, we as a school community make a commitment to work together in a spirit of Reconciliation. We will provide important steps on the road to “walking together.

St. Pius X Catholic School will work towards the following:

1. Ensuring that all aboriginal and Torres Strait students and parents are welcome at our school and are encouraged to active participation.
2. Reconcile Australia’s History with the impact on Aboriginal people and work in partnership to improve Aboriginal education.
3. Support initiatives developed by the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation.
4. Work towards ensuring all members of the Catholic Community of St. PiusX Manning shall be provided with the opportunities to have a knowledge and appreciation of the identity of Aboriginal history, culture and spirituality.

PROCEDURES

- Actively work towards including and increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enrolments at the school.
- Develop and implement an Aboriginal Plan.
- Incorporate Aboriginal Studies across each year level in the classroom as mandated by the Curriculum Framework.

- Acknowledge and respect Aboriginal people's culture and find ways of growing with it.
- Recognise the significant Aboriginal events and promote National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC week.

"We are all visitors to this time and place. We are just passing through. Our purpose here is to observe, to learn, to grow, to have and then we return home".

