

# KOORIE EDUCATION

## NARANGA SCHOOL POLICY

### Rationale:

- It is recognised that indigenous and non-indigenous students alike benefit significantly from programs that encompass aspects of the contemporary cultural heritage and lifestyle of Aborigines, as well as the history and traditional aspects of Aboriginal history. Furthermore, indigenous students benefit greatly from culturally inclusive school environments that recognise and support their particular needs.

### Aims:

The Koorie Education program at Naranga school will:-

- support all students to achieve individual learning outcomes
- support greater student engagement
- share responsibility appropriately across the school
- create an environment that *respects, recognises* and *celebrates* cultural identity through practice and curriculum.
- strengthen the relationships between indigenous communities and the school and to develop a greater understanding of Koorie culture.

### Implementation:

- Koorie Education within our school will be consistent with and embrace the Wannik strategy and its various initiatives.
- A relationship will be developed with Koorie Engagement Support Officers (KESO); curriculum and program advice will be sought from them to support our students. A staff member will coordinate the program.
- All staff will be provided with relevant professional development including cultural awareness training, initiatives and support programs.
- Koorie Education will be embedded as a cross curriculum priority in all learning areas.
- Assessment and reporting will be consistent with school processes and strategies.

### Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's regular review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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References: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/directions/wannik/resources/learningresources.htm>  
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/spag/curriculum/programs/koorie.htm>

\* In Victoria the term koorie is used to identify Victorian indigenous aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.