

Narragunnawali  
Reconciliation in Education

**NAKRA  
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# RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

Dianella Education Precinct

December 2023 to December 2024

- Dianella Education Support Centre
- Dianella Primary College
- Dianella Secondary College



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## VISION FOR RECONCILIATION

Dianella Education Precinct acknowledges and pays our respects to the culture and continuing connections of the Noongar people to this Whadjuk Boodjar (Land). We seek to respectfully include the histories, perspectives and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our school community and actively promote reconciliation across the precinct.

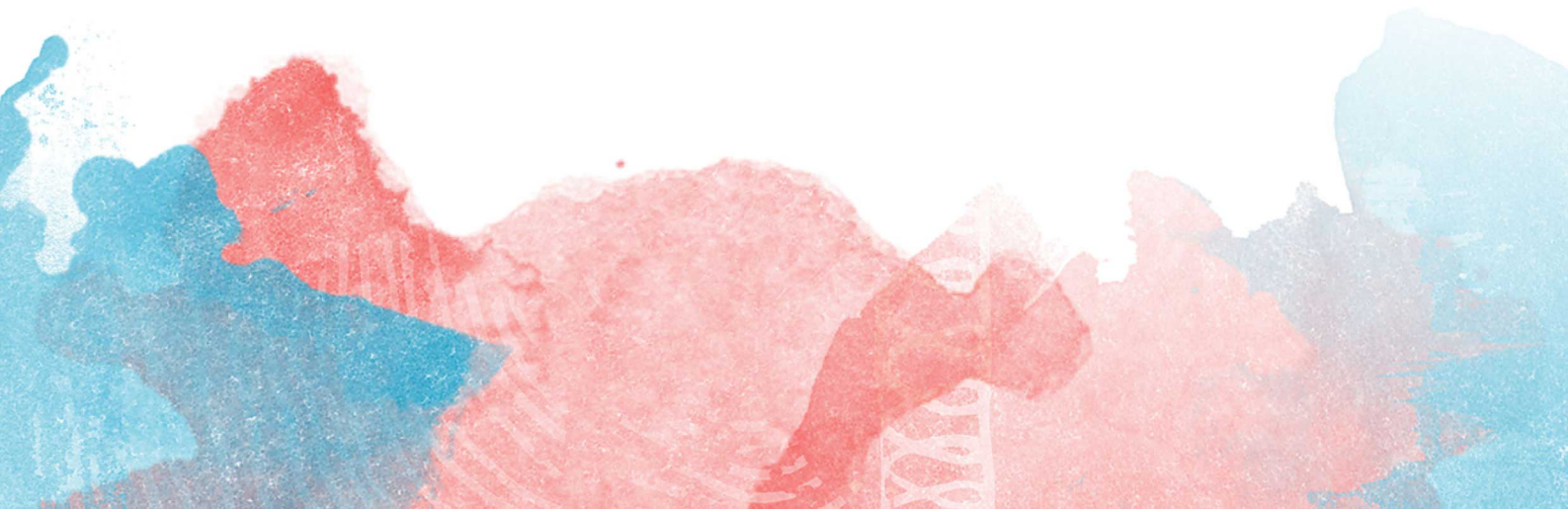
Dianella Education Precinct's vision for reconciliation and commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is to continue to:

- Create a culturally safe place of learning where everyone can respectfully learn about the value and complexity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures.
- Inform and educate current and future generations about reconciliation, and about the place and significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures.
- Recognise the part we all play in the journey towards reconciliation and actively take steps to promote reconciliation in the community.
- Engage, form and deepen relationships with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- Nurture and strengthen an active appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures within our educational precinct, to send children into the world who will influence and advocate for true reconciliation.
- Actively acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of being, knowing and doing.

We aspire to walk our journey in partnership with our community in order to raise awareness about, and drive action towards, reconciliation.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Dianella Education Precinct acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People of this nation. We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Lands on which our schools are located, the Whadjuk Noongar people and pay our respects to Ancestors and Elders, past and present. Dianella Education Precinct is committed to honouring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the Land, waters, seas and their rich contribution to society.



## RAP WORKING GROUP

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RAP ACTIONS	COMMITMENT
<p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in the Classroom</p>	<p>We are committed to engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our learning activities. Having Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices in learning environments is vital when teaching about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures.</p>







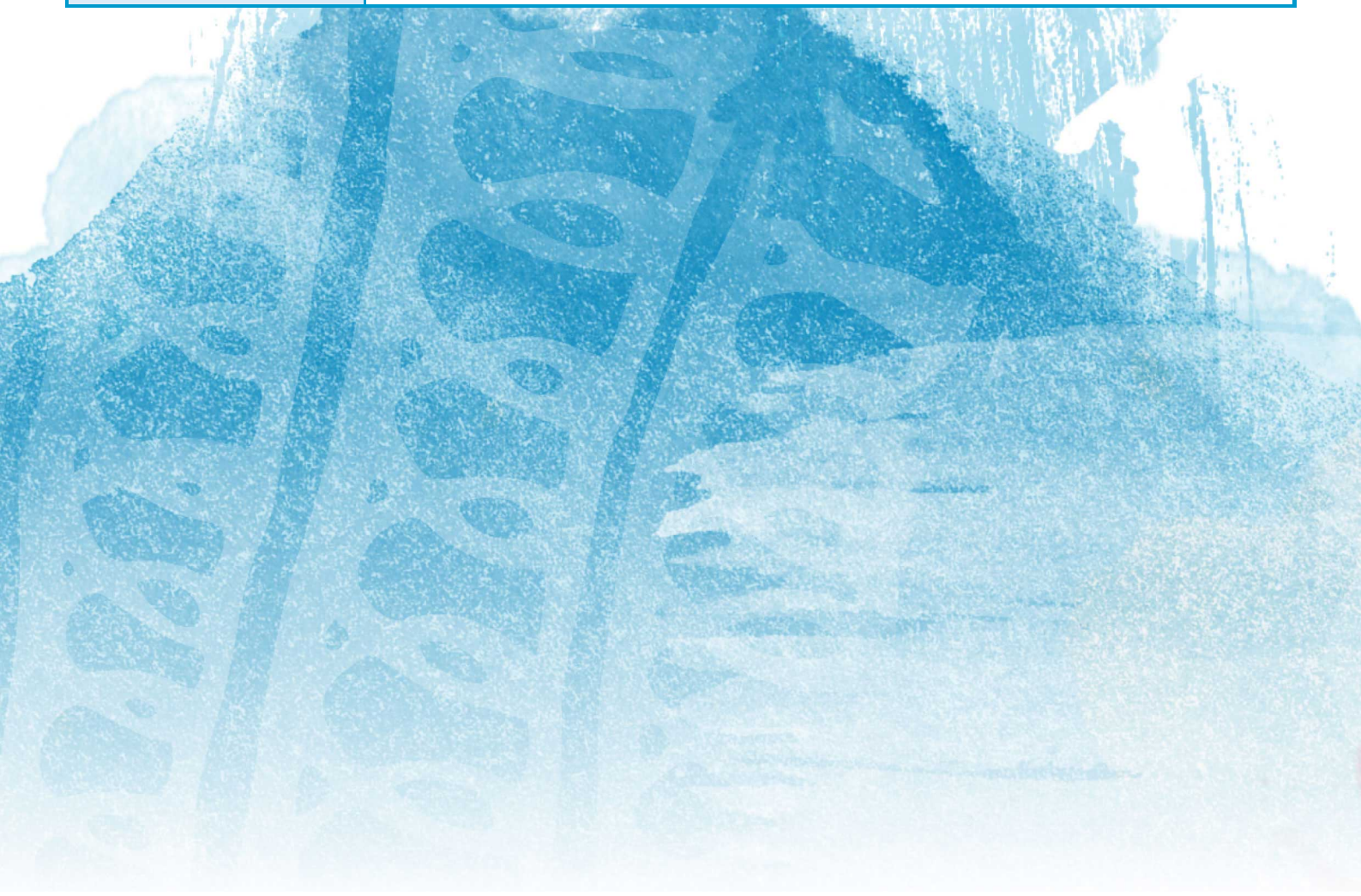
RAP ACTIONS	COMMITMENT
Cultural Responsiveness for Staff	We are supported to reflect on and build our cultural responsiveness to improve our practice and best support the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. We are provided with a range of opportunities to build our knowledge and understanding of our own positionality and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives, contributions and cultures.
Reconciliation Projects	Our early learning service will collaborate on projects that visibly and authentically embed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures in learning programs and the physical environment. Through this culture of collaboration across the early learning service and with the community, we commit to creating an environment where young people, staff and community members acknowledge, respect and experience connection to the First Australians.







RAP ACTIONS	COMMITMENT
<p>Welcome to Country</p>	<p>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 the Land.</p>
<p>Celebrate National Reconciliation Week</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Build Relationships with Community</p>	<p>We commit to building relationships with our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community that are 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.</p>







RAP ACTIONS	COMMITMENT
Reconciliation Network	We commit to establishing or joining formal external reconciliation networks to mutually support and collaboratively progress reconciliation initiatives.







RAP ACTIONS	COMMITMENT
Teach about Reconciliation	Our early learning service community is committed to learning about reconciliation in Australia. Having an 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.
Teach about Days of National Significance	We commit to incorporating nationally significant days for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and reconciliation into our curriculum to increase knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures, contributions and contemporary issues. We also commit to including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives when teaching about other national days, such as 26 January (Australia Day) and ANZAC Day.
Explore Current Affairs and Issues	We commit to knowing the news and being responsive to current issues significant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the process of reconciliation. We will do this through delivering our curriculum, policies and procedures, and integrating it into the way our early learning service operates.





RAP ACTIONS	COMMITMENT
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.
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.





RESPECT



WITH THE COMMUNITY

RAP ACTIONS	COMMITMENT
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.
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.
Physical Acknowledgement of Country	Our early learning service proudly commits to displaying a physical Acknowledgement of Country as a way of showing awareness of, and respect for, the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which our early learning service is located.



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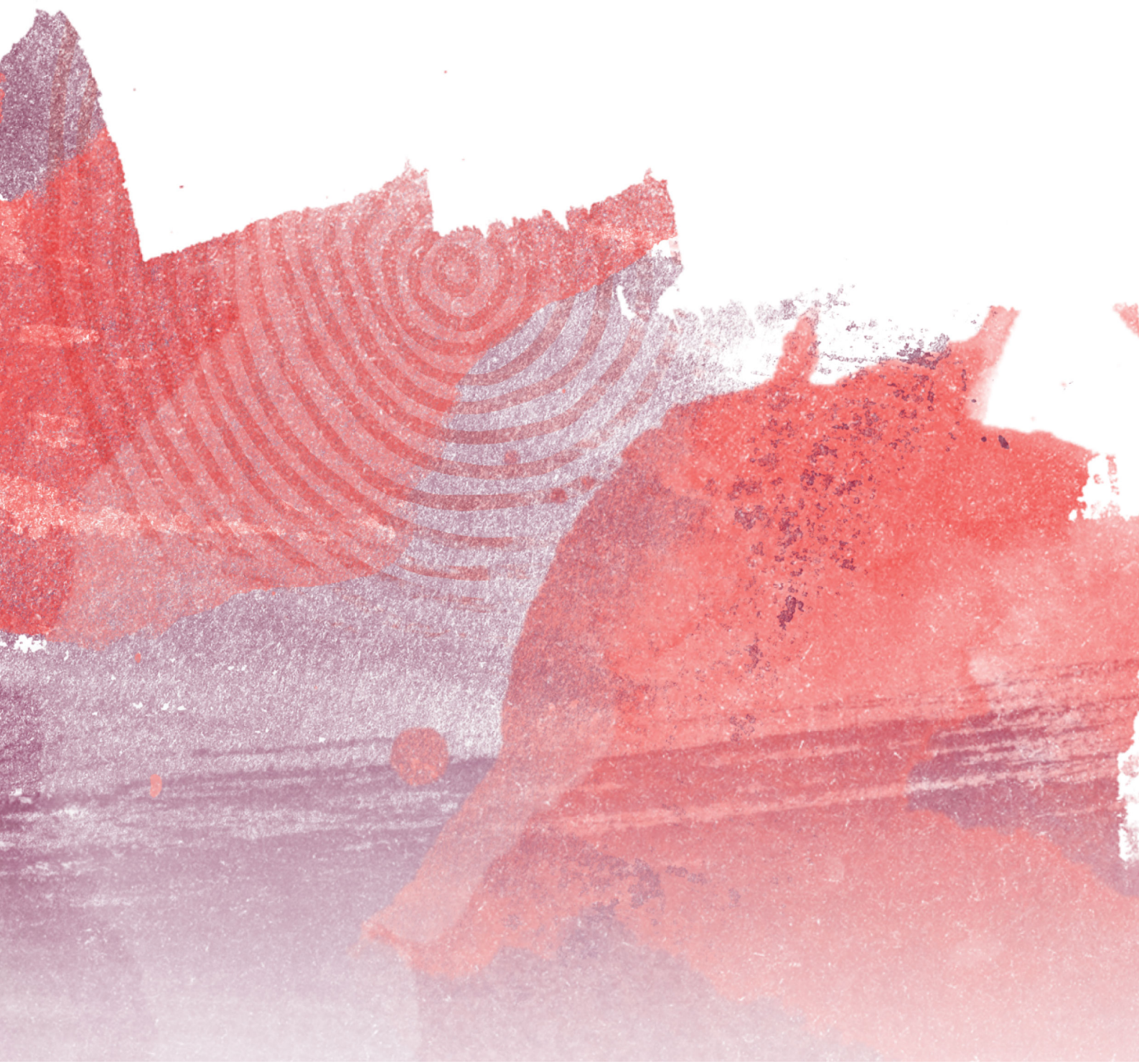
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RAP ACTIONS

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Take Action  
Against Racism

We will raise awareness of racism, its impacts and how to respond effectively when it happens. We will do this through an anti-racism strategy tailored to the needs of our early learning service.







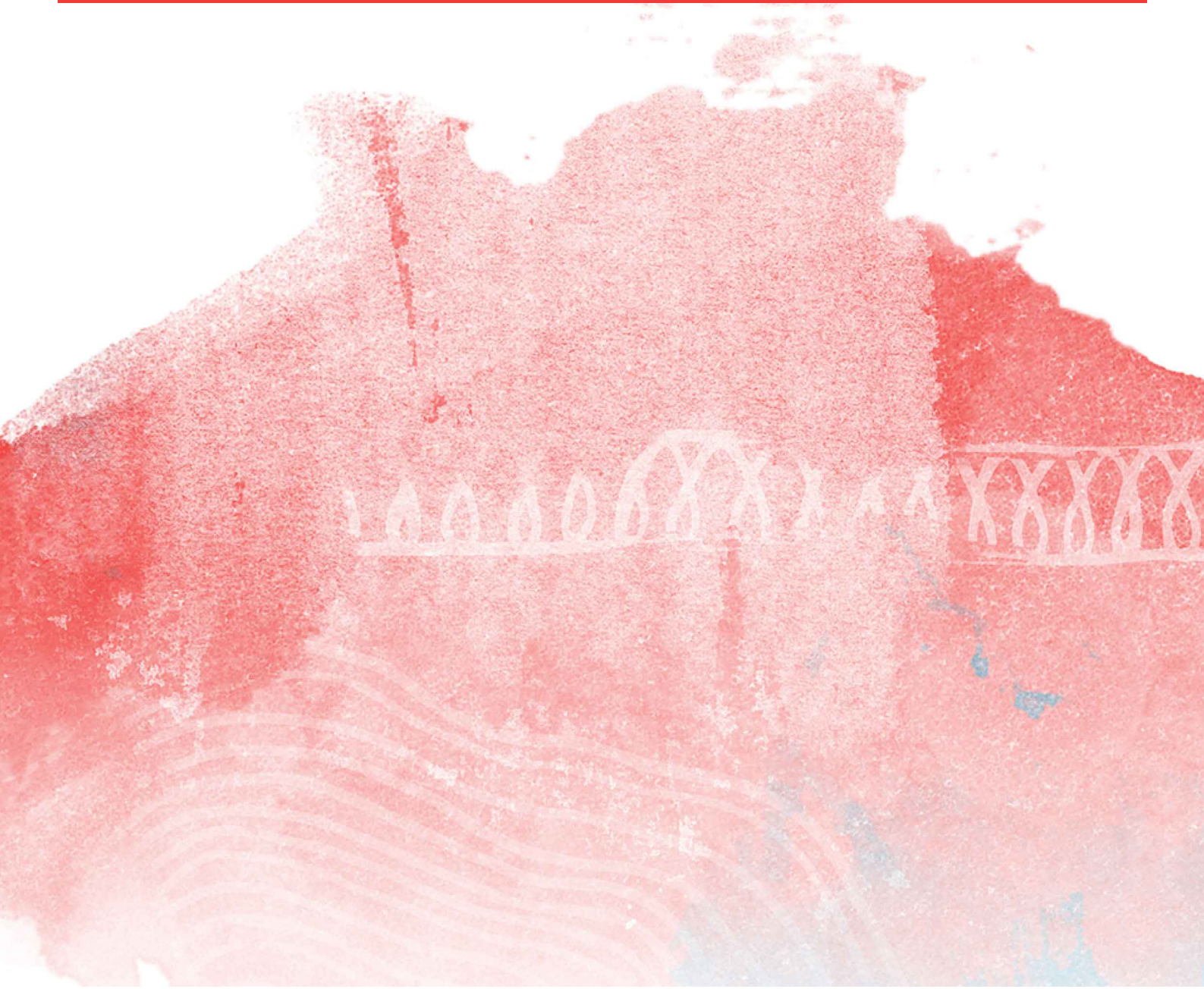
RAP ACTIONS	COMMITMENT
Curriculum Planning	<p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures are a key, ongoing part of curriculum planning, development and evaluation across all year levels and learning areas. We will review curriculum documents to find out where we include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, and to what extent and where we could include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and contributions in the curriculum.</p>







RAP ACTIONS	COMMITMENT
<p>Inclusive Policies</p>	<p>All staff at early learning service are aware of policies referring to improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and building knowledge of, and respect for, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures in Australia. When internal policies are reviewed and developed, we will ensure that they are inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and perspectives, and that there is a plan in place to ensure that all staff comply with these policies in their daily practice.</p>
<p>Staff Engagement with RAP</p>	<p>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.</p>







RAP ACTIONS	COMMITMENT
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.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages	We commit to providing students and children with a deeper knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and identities by learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages. We acknowledge the importance of language maintenance and revitalisation efforts and will provide students and children with opportunities to learn - or learn about - the First Language of their local area.

