

## 2.16 ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AWARENESS & CULTURE STATEMENT

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### PURPOSE

- To provide children with access to information and develop an appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.
- To welcome and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and their families by respecting and promoting their culture.

### EXPLANATION

Australian society has had much misinformation about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their culture. This misinformation has led to violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and continuation of discrimination.

Lindfield Montessori Preschool will provide children and their families with a positive appreciation of Aboriginal culture as it exists in Australia today, as a means of reconciliation.

### IMPLEMENTATION

- Appreciation and knowledge of Aboriginal culture is fostered through their culture embedded in our practice. This could be through books, music, crafts, singing, posters, dance, etc.
- Where Aboriginal children attend the school, parents are invited to give advice to the staff about appropriate programs.
- Contact with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and particularly Elders is encouraged.
- The school and staff have an ongoing commitment to continue to educate themselves about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and to improve practice and support reconciliation and education of future generations.

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