

MARRUNG

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION PLAN 2016 - 2026



Marrung is the Wemba Wemba word for the Murray Cypress pine tree, representing branches of education and knowledge. We thank the Wemba Wemba people for allowing the use of their language in the naming of this Plan.

OUR VISION

Victoria will be a State where the rich and thriving culture, knowledge and experience of our First Nations peoples are celebrated by all Victorians; where our universal service systems are inclusive, responsive and respectful of Koorie people at every stage of their learning and development journey; and where every Koorie person achieves their potential, succeeds in life, and feels strong in their cultural identity.

Marrung is a long-term plan designed to achieve an aspirational vision to deliver the ambitious Education State targets and will underpin Victoria's strong and steadfast commitment to close the gap in educational outcomes between Koorie and non-Koorie Victorians.

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President
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The Victorian Government, through the Department of Education and Training, has worked with the Victorian Koorie community to develop Marrung. The Government has listened and has heard. Marrung sets a 10 year vision and identifies the significant actions for its achievement. From this plan there will be some ground-breaking change.

OUTCOMES

- Koorie children and learners of all ages are strong in their identity within all services
- All Victorians understand and respect Koorie culture and history
- Services and Koorie communities work together on local, place-based approaches to improving learning outcomes
- Success for Koorie Victorians is core business for all educational leaders
- Young Koorie children are on track in their health, development and wellbeing
- The early learning experience for Koorie children sets them up for life
- Koorie students engage fully throughout their schooling years, and gain the knowledge and skills to excel at Year 12 or its equivalent
- Koorie learners transition successfully into further education and employment
- Koorie people have opportunities to access education at all stages of life

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WHERE CAN I GO FOR MORE INFORMATION?

Visit <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/marrung>

Koorie Outcomes Division

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GOVERNANCE

Annual Ministerial Roundtable

- Monitor progress against key targets and measures
- Identify and respond to emerging issues and priorities

PRIORITY AREAS AND ACTIONS

- Positive climate for learning and development**
1. Improve the cultural inclusivity of service providers
2. Support sectors to enhance learners' understanding of Koorie culture and history
- Community engagement in learning and development**
3. Increase opportunities for Koorie people to participate in decision making that affects them
- A culture of professional leadership**
4. Further develop our leaders in the early childhood, schools and VET sectors
- Excellence in teaching, learning and development (early childhood, schools and higher education and skills)**
5. Further support Koorie parents as first educators of their children
6. Improve access to and participation in early childhood services including Maternal and Child Health, supported playgroups and kindergarten programs
7. Support schools to better support their Koorie students
8. Provide improved support for all Koorie learners undertaking further education and training