

Understanding the Conceptual Framework



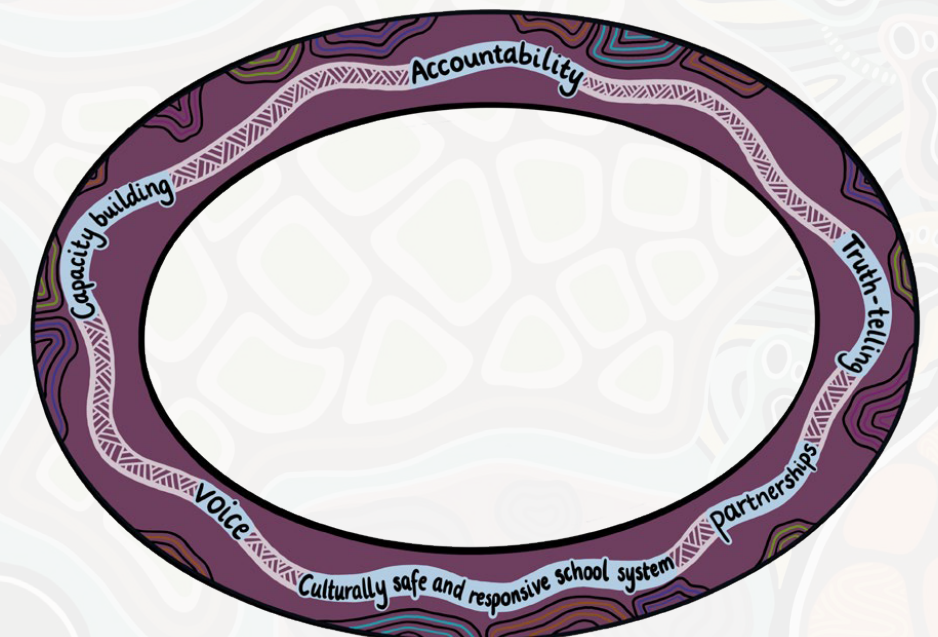
Core Connections

The student is at the centre of the reforms. The coolamon represents how their self-determination is strengthened by the **Core Connections** students bring with them to their education — **family, community, culture, identity** and their sense of belonging — which must be nourished and protected by the education system.



Strengthening Factors

The Strengthening Factors, represented through the gum leaves, are the influences that impact a student's learning and wellbeing. They signify how the system contributes to nourishing and protecting a student's core connections.



Reform Directions

The Reform Directions outline the priority areas for strengthening self-determination across the system. The Reform Directions circle through the Strengthening Factors, symbolising areas of growth that will ensure all levels of the system strengthen self-determination and empower Aboriginal learners.