St Joseph's Primary School and Community Partnership Agreement

This agreement has been formulated and developed to improve educational outcomes for all Indigenous students. We will endeavour to improve student outcomes in Literacy, Numeracy and attendance. The process of developing the PLP’s with parents and identifying plans they can put in place to support their child’s education, will strengthen the link between Indigenous parents, the school and their child’s learning.

The main reasons for forming a partnership with our Indigenous community group was to:

**Improve Student Engagement**
Our school is motivated to form a partnership by the desire to re-engage students in learning. This partnership will focus on the emotional, behavioural or cognitive dimensions of engagement. This partnership will aim to improve student motivation to succeed, reduce inappropriate behaviour and improve attendance at school.

**Improve Academic Outcomes**
Our whole school community is actively striving towards the improvement of student literacy and numeracy skills through the development of a Professional Learning Community and Professional Learning Teams. We are creating 21st Century learners with a focus on high expectations and closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students.

**Parental Involvement**
Our school is committed to fostering a two way partnership between parents and school staff so that open communication and links with the school can occur. By empowering parents with knowledge, skills and confidence they are more able to have active involvement in their child’s education.

The school will actively involve Indigenous parents in

- Personalised Learning Plans for students
- Parent Forums and meetings
- Reviewing the agreement
- Working towards higher attendance
- Forward planning, future directions

Embedding Indigenous perspectives throughout the school will enable Indigenous students to develop their sense of identity and pride in their culture and build knowledge and understanding of their cultural heritage thus contributing to developing a positive self-concept.