

Mawambul Terms of Reference

Purpose

The purpose of Mawambul is for Aboriginal Educators from each diocese to share and collaborate collectively on all matters pertaining to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education and Wellbeing.

Due to the low employment rate of Aboriginal Education Officers/Advisors, work is often carried out in isolation. By networking across the state, they deepen their knowledge and skills through interactive and reflective learning, informed by National and State Aboriginal policy and programs.

The group explore and review the development of contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education issues by collaboration, mentoring, observation and feedback. They share expert knowledge, policy and practice with a shared vision and commitment to improving outcomes for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Terms of Reference

- Provide support and expert advice to diocese and schools to improve the educational outcomes and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students so that they excel and achieve in closing the educational gap within each diocese
- Deliver targeted support to the CSNSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group, diocesan and school staff on insights on how to best strengthen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student outcomes
- Support staff to reflect on their behaviours, attitudes and practices and identify opportunities for improved action
- A shared approach of identifying policies and actions that require national, state, diocesan and school levels of collaboration to succeed whilst also outlining shared principles Catholic education commits to when working with communities
- Members of Marwambul support each other around Wellbeing

Mawambul Membership

The Mawambul group is drawn from lead Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander educators from each of the 11 NSW Catholic dioceses with specific responsibilities and/or influence in the areas of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education amongst school networks.

Members of Mawambul will:

1. attend as a delegate for their dioceses
2. provide feedback to their Diocesan Director or Team Leader relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education
3. contribute to discussions and share practice
4. provide advice and feedback, and promote relevant initiatives, tools and resources generated by members to their diocese and its stakeholders

5. support their individual Diocesan personnel with systemic responsibilities for:
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander professional learning
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander curriculum and pedagogy support
 - Identify best practice research in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education and Wellbeing at an International level