

Reconciliation Plan

“Connect, Create, Celebrate” is central to the philosophy of Epping North Pre-school, and underpins our Pedagogical practices. Reconciliation means to **connect** and to **create** a harmonious link for future events. Our preschool is situated on Wurundjeri land, and we recognise the Wurundjeri William Clan and the Gurnung-William-Balluk people as the traditional owners of the land. Learning about Indigenous history, practices, and linking this with Child Safe Standards, policies and our program, provides opportunities to **celebrate**.

The program at Epping North preschool is based on The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia V2.0, 2022, which guides our practices, and recognises reconciliation as a principal practice. Intentional teaching allows us to embed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives into our program as a guiding principle. Building relationships and consistently connecting to Country must be valued and **celebrated**.

CONNECT

- Wominjeka will be practiced daily to share a piece of Country
- Learn about Wurundjeri totems and take pride in acknowledging Bunjil and Waa in meaningful ways- sighting them in Sky Country, using Bunjil and Waa in games, yarns, songs and creative experiences.
- Educators to attend yarnning circles, or training, to build on their knowledge and bonds with Indigenous people
- Learn and care about Country through our Bush Tucker Garden and “Gardening Fun Days”.
- Use Indigenous language in our teaching and through Imaginary play
- Share Dream time stories through our home lending library

CREATE

- An Indigenous Bush Tucker Garden will be established and cared for
- Make a “Wominjeka” story book for families to share, using the Intentional teaching routines that Epping North Preschool practice.
- Use Indigenous plants from our garden in play experiences.
- Focus on each unique Indigenous plant and learn their history and value to Indigenous peoples.
- Add Indigenous murals and teaching materials that have been created by local Wurundjeri people
- Share learning linked to past, present and future events to build cultural competency in our cohort

CELEBRATE

- Cook with our Bush Tucker and celebrate by enjoying our produce as food
- Celebrating and/or raising awareness of days that are significant to Indigenous people through organised events at the preschool
- Display Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags as recognition of our pride and respect for the history, culture and significance of these people to our preschool.
- Reference Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our policies to celebrate their value and significance to our preschool.

