

RECONCILIATION IN AUSTRALIA

In this session students will learn about Reconciliation and why it is important for all Australians. They will learn facts about the origin and purpose of Australia Day and experience different perspectives. Students will discover how stereotyping, privilege and unconscious bias affects others within a community. They will learn about ways to meaningfully engage in Reconciliation and relationship building with others.

Learning Intentions

- Students will gain an understanding of What Reconciliation is
- Why Reconciliation in Australia is needed
- Events leading up to the Reconciliation movement in Australia
- Historical facts about Australia Day
- Differing perspectives about Australia Day
- Privilege and unconscious bias
- Ways to meaningfully engage in Reconciliation

In this session students will explore the following guided questions...

- What significant events have occurred in Australia leading up to this point in time
- In what ways are Aboriginal people affected by the ongoing nature of colonisation today
- What is Reconciliation
- What does Reconciliation mean to you
- Why does Australia need Reconciliation
- What is the origin and significance of Australia Day
- What and who is Australia Day intended to represent
- What does Australia Day mean to many Aboriginal people
- Why is there tension and debate about Australia Day
- Should the Australia Day date be changed
- How can we work better towards achieving Reconciliation in this country

Cross-Curriculum Priorities

Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander
Histories and
Cultures

General Capabilities

Intercultural
Understanding
Ethical Understanding
Literacy

Key Learning Areas

Humanities and
Social Sciences