



Partners in Indigenous Education Foundation



Queensland Anglican Schools

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Anglican Education is grounded in the publication: *An Ethos Statement for Anglican Schools in the Province of Queensland* [1996]. The Anglican Church's policy on Indigenous Education is drawn from this Ethos Statement. In February 1999 the Archbishop of Brisbane, the Most Reverend Peter Hollingworth launched the *Partners in Indigenous Education* policy statement. The completed document was the culmination of hours of dedicated work from Indigenous and Non-Indigenous staff, students, parents and community members.

The Policy outlines Queensland Anglican schools' commitment to Indigenous issues including the achievement of outstanding standards of education for young Queenslanders. The rich traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and spirituality are an integral part of this commitment.

The *Partners in Indigenous Education* policy is designed to enhance educational opportunities for Indigenous students and to encourage all people to learn about different cultures, building partnerships with, and respect for, each other.

All Anglican schools, regardless of the number of Indigenous students enrolled, are asked to embrace authentic partnership in Indigenous education by:

- Implementing staff training focussing on cultural awareness
- Developing strategies across the school that are culturally inclusive
- Ensuring that governing bodies are exposed to and educated in issues affecting Indigenous people
- Providing opportunities for parents to learn more about those issues affecting Indigenous people
- Encouraging the employment of Indigenous staff
- Increasing retention rate of Indigenous students at Year 10 and then to the completion of Year 12 and

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- ***Supporting an Anglican Foundation to increase Indigenous student access to schools.***

Good progress has been made with many of these goals since the launch of the Policy in 1999 but it is now time to address the formation of the Foundation...a project that will enhance and advance the opportunities for young Indigenous Queenslanders.

The Anglican Church of Australia, through the Diocese of Brisbane's Anglican Schools Commission is to establish a Foundation to increase the access to and retention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at Anglican Schools.

The Foundation will seek to attract and retain donations, gifts, bequests and legacies for the benefit of the Foundation to meet the specific needs of Indigenous students. It will seek to provide financial assistance for the acquisition by Anglican Schools of library books, curriculum material, works of art and any other equipment deemed necessary for the support of Indigenous students.

Further the Foundation will enlist support for and provide financial assistance [whether directly or by loan] to Anglican Schools for any of its purposes including the employment of Indigenous teaching staff with special skills in Indigenous education, educational research projects, visits from Indigenous Elders, support of Indigenous students and teachers, and the granting of scholarships, bursaries, endowments and educational allowances to Indigenous students.

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