

# Blueprint for Aboriginal outcomes in public education:

Our collective approach to building strong system foundations



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## Purpose

### Our shared foundation for impact

Together with community we provide culturally affirming education so that the education system is a place where Aboriginal learners and staff learn, work and thrive.

## Descriptions of success

### What success for Aboriginal learners looks and feels like

- Culture and wellbeing
- Diversity in identity and choice
- Self-determination and shared power
- Relationships, Voice and agency
- Visibility and aspirations
- Community and connection
- Culturally responsive system

## Ways of working

### How we create impact

#### System foundations

- Engaged Aboriginal learners
- Empowered Aboriginal staff
- A culturally responsive workforce
- Creating the conditions for culturally safe places of learning and working
- Genuine partnerships with Aboriginal families and communities
- A public education system free from racism

#### Individual and collective ways of working

- Building and strengthening connection and belonging
- Respecting, valuing and elevating cultural knowledge and ways
- Elevating Aboriginal voices
- Engaging in truth-telling
- Sharing responsibility while owning our actions

## Governance Principles

### How we sustain positive change

Accountability, Transparency and Truth-telling

Cultural Knowledge, Respect and Integrity

Inclusive and Shared Decision-Making

Strategic Partnerships and Leadership

## The Blueprint's theory of change

The Blueprint is based on the idea that better learning outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people come from how our system works, not just what we do within it.

It is also based on the understanding that for Aboriginal children and young people, strong identity, wellbeing and learning are deeply connected.

Because existing structures and ways of working can create barriers, better learning outcomes will be realised and sustained through changing how we work and organise ourselves rather than programmatic responses alone.

The Blueprint provides clear direction on the shifts needed across our system to support Aboriginal children and young people to learn and thrive.

