

Yirara College, Alice Springs, NT.

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Cultural Identity and Diversity

- That the college be sensitive to and respect the Aboriginal identity of all students, in particular their:
 - Language
 - Kinship structures
 - Traditional law and customs
 - Norms of behaviour and interaction.
- That non-indigenous staff members have a responsibility to learn about and be sensitive to indigenous cultural norms.
- Yirara College recognises that formal education is a powerful socialising tool and therefore has a responsibility to ensure that it does not undermine the cultural norms and values that parents promote at home either explicitly or implicitly.
- That Yirara College encourages students to be responsible members of the cultural groups in which they choose to operate.
- That as a school for Indigenous students, Indigenous people should be actively involved in determining the direction and development of the college.
- That Indigenous people provide support, resources and role models for the college and should be involved in all aspects of the college's operation.
- That due to the foreign nature of formal education, Yirara College has the responsibility for initiating and maintaining effective communication between families and should actively develop strategies to facilitate indigenous involvement in College operations.