

Reconciliation: Beyond the 'No' Vote

The journey of reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians requires us to use the knowledge of our heads, the ear of our hearts and the work of our hands.

It is an ongoing process of learning that works towards a just community, going beyond acknowledgement and taking steps towards repairing the historical wounds of Indigenous peoples.

It is a celebration of culture and partnership underpinned by the founding and strengthening of relationships between non-Indigenous and Indigenous Australia.

As Good Samaritan Education students, we employ our hearts to change Australia's national culture into an inclusive one.

By embedding education and correct terminology into schooling from a young age, we can create a mutual connection and belonging as a community, with hope for the future.

Our aim is to use our hands, holding schools accountable along the pathway of education by implementing Reconciliation Action Plans in all schools shaped by the Good Samaritan tradition.

We aim to open conversations within school communities to address the discomfort of Australia's past.

Reconciliation Action Plans create an equitable and welcoming learning environment for Aboriginal Australians, celebrating the richness of First Nations culture, traditions and our shared history.