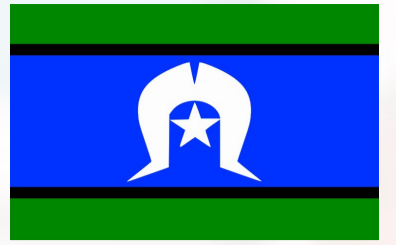




Koorie Engagement Support Officer

Information for Families



The KESO program will provide support in improving your child's educational outcomes. We can support you by:

- Providing schools/EYS with information about resources and training available to support cultural inclusion and development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives in the curriculum.
- Collaboration with schools to develop and implement action plans to increase whole of school approaches to strengthening cultural inclusion.
- Supporting relationships being made between schools/EYS with Traditional Owner Groups, Services, Community members etc.
- Supporting schools/EYS, families and students at meetings to discuss issues such as attendance and engagement, behaviour, or to review any relevant plans or current progress etc.
- Sharing information with students, families or schools about services (not always specifically related to education e.g. health services) or opportunities (e.g. camps, holiday programs, scholarships etc).
- Promoting and supporting transition and pathways e.g. EYS to primary school, primary school to secondary school or opportunities to higher education, training or employment.

Marrung - Aboriginal Education Plan 2016-2026

A strategy to ensure that all Koorie Victorians achieve their learning aspirations and realise the full benefits of the Education State reforms across early childhood, schools and further education.



If you would like to speak with a member of the Koorie Engagement Team please contact:

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Attendance

Our focus is to facilitate links with students, parents and school staff to build positive working relationships for a collaborative partnership. We also facilitate links to programs and services in the community as needed.

Engagement

As our title suggests engagement is the key for the KESO role. We work to facilitate links between schools, Early years centres, families and community. We provide advice on strategies to improve engagement and to facilitate links to community resources.

Early Years

Increase and enhance the participation of Koorie children in 3 and 4 year old Kindergarten. Promote the values of kindergarten programs within Koorie Families and communities. Promote Cultural awareness and provide access to resources for all kindergarten programs.

Cultural Inclusion

Includes giving advice to teachers in Early Years centres, primary and secondary schools about strategies to suit the needs of their community. We facilitate links to families to encourage their input and participation including sharing their culture. It is important to have an appreciation of Cultural differences and similarities. We will assist teachers and schools in building their relationships and developing inclusive curriculum for all children to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

Individual Education Plan (IEP)

Ensuring all students have a Individual Education Plan that is developed between parents, teachers and students. This will support improving educational outcomes for our young people as they take their journey along their learning pathway.

Pathways & Transition

We can assist with developing a Koorie Careers Action Plan which is developed in partnership with students, parent or caregiver and a KESO. The plan should link with the students IEP.

Disability Inclusion

To provide information and support families and schools to access supports for students with a disability to ensure they can participate and achieve their full potential at school and in life.

