



ABORIGINAL POLICY

RATIONALE

An aborigine is a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent. Aboriginal families are an integral part of the Minto community and students need to recognize that aborigines are part of our multicultural background. The students need to develop an awareness of and become more appreciative of aboriginal culture. Promoting awareness and understanding will, in turn, help in creating more positive attitudes towards aborigines and contemporary Aboriginal communities.

GENERAL AIMS

The general aims of this policy are:

1. provision of educational experiences to develop knowledge, understanding and positive attitudes towards aborigines,
2. to develop an historical account of aboriginal and European culture contact and develop knowledge of aboriginal myths and legends, and
3. to develop an understanding of the different needs between aborigines of past years and those living in modern society.

IMPLICATIONS FOR THE TEACHER

1. Evaluation of students' knowledge about aborigines and their culture.
2. Accepting differences in beliefs and values (e.g acceptable social behaviours).
3. Helping students understand problems which may occur (e.g language differences, poverty and housing, need to be part of a group).
4. Involvement of aboriginal parents and community members whenever possible.