



Warrawi Yana Nura – *Stand Tall Walk Tall in Country*

Stage 5 & 6 Aboriginal Students Cultural and Leadership Program

To the Principal, Aboriginal Education Officer, Teachers Stage 5-6

When	Terms 1- 4, 2019 April 2, May 14, June 18, August 6, November 12 and an overnight camp TBC for September or October.
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Purpose	Warrawi Yana Nura aims to provide a <i>transformative moment</i> to middle years/senior Aboriginal students and take them beyond the classroom to engage in purposeful and authentic learnscapes to; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Build and apply cultural knowledge 2. Advance leadership skills 3. Engage with schooling
Years	Year 9-11 students (only 20 places)
Cost	Nil Own transport required to the workshop series
Nominations Closing Date	Friday 8 th March 2019 Fax: 02 4579 1072 Email: brewongle-e.admin@det.nsw.edu.au



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2019 Dates

DAY 1	Tuesday April 2	Introduction: What is Leadership? What is Culture? What is Cultural Leadership? What is reconciliation? Getting to know you – kayaking (change of clothes and shoes required)
DAY 2	Tuesday May 14	Cultural Activities
DAY 3	Tuesday June 18	Visit to Sacred sites – Devils Rock and Canoelands Art Cave (meet at Brewongle then travel off site includes bush walking - sturdy shoes required)
DAY 4	Tuesday August 6	A visit from Link-Up and how to research family connections. Getting personal – What is my connection to Country? What is a Welcome? What is an Acknowledgement? Writing an acknowledgement and learning some language.
CAMP	TBA	This will be a camp involving ceremony, cultural activities and students teaching students either as either an overnight camp at Brewongle or it may include involvement with Murama (see http://www.murama.com.au/)
PRESENTATION	Tuesday November 12	Presentation, Yarn and Lunch with the Elders at Brewongle.

About the Program

Brewongle EEC is committed to delivering high quality education that promotes, respects and values Aboriginal culture and custodianship of Country. Our educators recognise the strength, diversity, ownership and richness of culture in improving wellbeing and educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. As such we offer a Cultural Leadership Program for Year 9 to Year 11 students, supported by the local NSW AECG - Da Murrytoola. This program endeavours to support students in developing leadership skills, pursuing a love of lifelong learning and increasing participation and retention of Aboriginal students in schools. Warrawi Yana Nura affords students the opportunity to stand tall and take pride in their cultural heritage through various workshops and excursions, regaining lost culture and building a strong sense of identity which is integral in helping Aboriginal students overcome educational and life challenges.

Aims

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- Build and apply cultural knowledge
- Advance leadership skills
- Engage with schooling

Program Goals

Build and apply cultural knowledge

- In collaboration with our Aboriginal Education Team, consisting of Aboriginal community members, students will participate in a series of cultural workshops to: build a sense of place; learn the histories and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders; develop a sense of identity and to know that identity is strength; and to develop and maintain a special connection to and responsibility for Country/Place.
- Visit Devil's Rock Sacred Site at Maroota under the guidance of Darug Knowledge Keeper – Erin Wilkins
- Develop a protocol to practice traditional ways of doing. Students will learn about ceremony and traditional sustainable use of natural resources applied in the use of some traditional skills.
- Students will learn about the differences between women's, men's and family business including dance.
- Work directly with staff from with Link-Up NSW to trace the family connections of those students who are currently unaware of their Country/Nation. Working towards creating a map for each school identifying the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander nations of Aboriginal students.



Artwork by Chris Tobin

Advance Leadership Skills

- A distinct workshop examining leadership skills and attributes and conflict resolution.
- Link students with community mentors.
- Encouragement and help with development of Junior AECG at participating schools.
- Deliver a workshop and/or cultural leadership activity to teach to primary school students as part of Brewongle EEC's internal programs or with Murama Indigenous Youth Summit in October 2019 hosted at Sydney Olympic Park.

Engage with schooling

- Develop a personal Acknowledgement and/or Welcome to Country under the guidance of local Darug Elders and Knowledge Keepers. Deliver using some language to their school/community where appropriate and/or develop in language an Acknowledgement of Country.
- Apply leadership and cultural knowledge to understand **Reconciliation Action Plans** and the possibilities of developing one in each student's school utilising the process available via Reconciliation Australia.
- Enhance **literacy skills** utilising iPads to develop a Digital Learning Diary documenting their learning journey throughout the Warrawi Yana Nura Project.

Criteria Selection of Students

Students applying for this program should be;

- ✓ Interested in their own Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures
- ✓ Committed and self- motivated
- ✓ Inspired to reach goals
- ✓ Willing to be a positive team member



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STUDENT NOMINATION FORM

Successful students will receive a package via email with additional details.

Location: Brewongle Environmental Education Centre
587 Chapel Hill Road, Sackville North NSW 2756

Date: **Terms 1- 4 2019**
Workshop 1 starts Tuesday 2nd Apr 2019

Child's First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Male / Female Year: _____ School: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent/Carer Name (please print): _____

Parent/Carer Email: _____

Home Address: _____

_____ P/code _____

Phone No: Home: _____ Mobile: _____

Work: _____

Permission to publish photos (please circle): Yes / No

Please note any medical concerns: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Organising Staff Members Name: _____

Organising Staff Members Email: _____

Principals Name _____ Principals Signature _____

Principals Email _____

Please FAX or EMAIL this nomination form by Friday 8th March 2019 to
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