



FIVE DOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL'S KOORI KIDS 2025

Five Dock School's Koori Kids program has a vision that all our Aboriginal students are proud, passionate and have a strong understanding of their Aboriginality.

Our Koori Kids program:

- provides our Aboriginal students with an opportunity to strengthen understanding of their Aboriginality and culture
- links with *'every child known and cared for'* by allowing for relationships of trust and respect to be built amongst all Aboriginal students and teachers
- provides an important space where our Aboriginal students come to and know they are valued, supported and have a strong sense of belonging
- has a direct link to supporting higher engagement and participation in the classroom
- has activities designed to engage students in a creative way that supports reflective and critical thinking
- aims to provide opportunities for Aboriginal students to have pride and confidence in their cultural heritage, encouraging them to share this with the wider school community

In 2025, Koori Kids will strengthen their connection to the environment through the Indigenous Garden. This learning space promotes knowledge of native species and their use as bush medicine and bush tucker. Koori Kids will continue to strengthen their cultural knowledge through support from The University of Sydney's School of Public and Indigenous Health and Aboriginal organisations and companies. Families of Koori Kids will continue to be invited to participate in our cultural activities.

'Bring a buddy' program will also continue in 2025. Bringing a non-Indigenous buddy to Koori Kids lessons gives our Aboriginal Students the opportunity to share their culture with a non-Indigenous member of the class.

