



KIRWAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL

CHARTER FOR RECONCILIATION

This Charter expresses Kirwan High's strong commitment to the achievement of Reconciliation between Indigenous Australians and non-Indigenous Australians.

At Kirwan High we are privileged to have a large number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who bring a rich and proud cultural history to our school.

At Kirwan High we define Reconciliation as the building of better relationships, unity and respect between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for the benefit of all Australians. (Drawn from Reconciliation Australia)

At Kirwan High all community members commit to Reconciliation by:

Being **Inquiring** about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their history and cultures. Kirwan High believes that Indigenous perspectives in the curriculum are not just for the benefit of Indigenous students, but for the benefit of all students. All students deserve to learn about the long, rich history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Being **Optimistic** about the Reconciliation process and the future of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. At Kirwan High we celebrate the outstanding achievements of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and the great contribution their cultures make to our school community. Through this, Kirwan High recognises the significance of our Indigenous cultures and improves the life outcomes of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Being **Inclusive** of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, their families and cultures. At Kirwan High we value our diversity above all else. We strive to create unity in a school of many cultures. We recognise the important place Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples hold as the first Australians.

Being **Aspirational** about making a difference in the life outcomes of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. At Kirwan High we believe Reconciliation is achieved, in part, through improved educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Through strong academic outcomes, leadership of self and leadership of others, Kirwan High's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are empowered to dream and achieve a better future for themselves and other Indigenous Australians.

Acting with **Integrity** toward Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, their families and cultures. At Kirwan High we believe Reconciliation is achieved by providing equity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students through opportunities provided by a high quality education. We have outstanding Indigenous Young Leaders who are altruistic, futures focussed and promote Reconciliation to make a difference at a local and global level.



Kirwan High – a great school... a good place to be!

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