

INDIGENOUS STUDENTS



We believe:

1. All human beings are made in the image of God, with individual and corporate talents, strengths and character traits
2. All people have frailties, shortcomings, doubts and sinfulness in God's eyes
3. Christ lived, died and rose again for His people, including our Indigenous sisters and brothers, as the only way for us to be at peace with God
4. Indigenous people called our land home long before others
5. Later arrivals did not recognise Indigenous stewardship of our country and caused much ongoing hurt, something for which we are sincerely sorry

therefore we will:

1. Walk alongside our Indigenous brothers and sisters as they take responsibility for their children's education
2. Assist, encourage, pray for and join in their human struggle, but never dominate our Indigenous brothers and sisters
3. Welcome the enrolment of Indigenous students at NCS
4. Provide education in the shadow of the Cross that respects and accommodates Indigenous culture, background, talents and needs, whilst maintaining our Christian faith.
5. Create a sense of belonging by our love, justice and provision of equal opportunity for all
6. Build a community which is based on Christ's love and which is free of racism and prejudice

by:

1. Encouraging the freedom to be Aboriginal and to express personal cultural identity
2. Recognising Aboriginal English as a "Language Other Than English" and accommodating English as a second language where needed
3. Implementing a curriculum for all students that ensures thorough knowledge of Aboriginal culture, history, issues and language
4. Formulating curriculum in consultation with local Indigenous communities
5. Accommodating any special health, learning or other needs
6. Promoting access to all the school's programs such as Learning Support, Gifted & Talented, Sport, Literacy, Numeracy and Funding
7. Maintaining the "Bungalung Community Council" as an instrument for government funding
8. Flying the Aboriginal flag regularly.