The Aboriginal Education and Training Strategy 2009-2012 is the department’s plan to improve the educational outcomes and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

The Aboriginal Education and Training Policy, the Aboriginal Human Resource Development Plan 2009-2011 and the Partnership Agreement with the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. are other key drivers for the collaboration and planning that needs to happen across the department to meet the needs of Aboriginal children, students and learners.

The Strategy builds on what we know works:
- focusing on the early years of schooling and making strong connections with Aboriginal families and Aboriginal communities, particularly prior to school;
- developing relationships with key partners so that Aboriginal students are offered intellectually demanding and culturally relevant learning that ultimately leads to meaningful employment or further study;
- keeping people engaged in building success to accelerate progress in bridging the achievement gap; and
- most importantly, working with Aboriginal people as equal partners in education and training.

The Strategy applies to all staff across all sectors of the department and incorporates a shared responsibility for integrated planning for all Aboriginal students.

A Monitoring and Reporting Framework will gauge the current thinking progress towards meeting the targets and outcomes outlined in the Aboriginal Education and Training Strategy 2009-2012.

Through innovation, collaborative planning and shared decision making, we can provide Aboriginal students with the skills and knowledge to be active learners and active citizens.

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