



## Building relationships for change between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians

Schools have been leading the way on reconciliation for a long time. They can make a significant difference to the way Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians understand and respect each other.

**Reconciliation Australia** offers a resource-rich website to assist with school reconciliation programs. Check out the website, particularly these two sections:

**1. Reconciliation Resources** Here you'll find the Australian Reconciliation Barometer, a national research study that looks at the relationship between Indigenous and other Australians, and explores how attitudes and perceptions affect progress towards reconciliation.

### 2. Reconciliation Action Plans (RAPs)

*RAPs for School.* The models and templates here will help guide you through creating your own school RAP. There are also heaps of creative ideas for school programs, such as:

- Invite an Indigenous elder to your school to talk about Aboriginal traditions or connection to country.
- Watch a movie about Indigenous history and culture such as *Ten Canoes*, *Rabbit-Proof Fence* or *The Tracker*.
- Arrange a heritage walk with a local Indigenous leader.
- Have a day of bush tucker — involve local Indigenous people to help with the cooking.
- Establish a relationship with a school in an Indigenous community — exchange photos, letters, stories and drawings.



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## Indij Readers for Little Fullas and Big Fullas



The stories in **Indij Readers** have two aims: to help students learn to read; and to encourage and support

teachers to explore contemporary Indigenous perspectives and issues with their students, which in turn helps to progress reconciliation in Australia. The readers are an ideal resource anytime, but especially important in 2009, the **International Year of Reconciliation**.

### Indij Readers for Little Fullas and Big Fullas include:

- a collection of books created by authors and illustrators from Indigenous communities, who share their stories, artwork and culture to help make a difference to Indigenous literacy
- big books
- teachers' guides with reading lesson plans, links to curriculum, cultural information, activities and blackline masters
- audiovisual materials (CD/audio, VHS/DVD film).

**Indij Readers** is an innovative, unique, not-for-profit company that develops and publishes contemporary Indigenous literacy materials for Indigenous and non-Indigenous students.

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