



# **Aboriginal Parental Engagement Program**

## **Supporting Parents and Carers**

### **of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children**

This culturally appropriate community driven program is run over 2 school terms (one half day a week) and offers parents/carers of ATSI Children information and advice on engaging and supporting their children aged 0 and 6 years.

#### **Stage 1**

This 9-10 week stage of the program builds the parenting and leadership capacity of parents/carers and increases their involvement in the education sector and/or with their child's involvement or participation in education and learning via –

- Developing individual Action Plans
- Group workshops and discussion
- Peer support
- Group mentoring
- Practical activities to support parents/carers and their children
- Assists in developing parenting competencies and engagement
- Supports children's development and enhances child/parent relationships
- Creating a culturally safe pathway/transition to stage 2 of the program

#### **Stage 2**

The final 9-10 weeks provides follow up support to participants to assist them to achieve identified goals from their individual Action Plans by focusing on –

- Increasing the confidence and capacity of parents/carers to participate in education, leadership and volunteering opportunities
- Supporting parents/carers to access services to address any obstacles preventing engagement in these roles
- Implementing Individual Action Plans
- Guest speakers
- Establishing and supporting peer mentoring relationships
- Referrals to external agencies for support
- Re-engaging parents/carers in future parenting workshops if appropriate
- Celebration/graduation event

*Come yarn with us and share your story whilst supporting other parents and carers to improve education outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children*

*Be involved in practical, hands on groups where you can build confidence to identify and share knowledge*