Our Indigenous Education Program
The Indigenous Education Program at John Paul College encompasses our passion for both education and for the empowerment of indigenous children, so that they can become active citizens at the forefront of our ever-changing world.

We offer a rich and diverse curriculum that enables indigenous children to become confident, committed members of our global community whilst remaining firmly grounded in their cultural roots.

The opportunities presented with a John Paul College education give students the confidence to succeed and the ability to maintain their connections to family, land, heritage and culture, sharing knowledge gained with their own people whilst raising cultural awareness among the non-indigenous members of our community.

**Aims of our Program**

The aims of the Indigenous Education Program are to:

- Offer high quality educational opportunities and pathways in a secure learning environment, to young indigenous students;
- Provide an education designed to make a real and lasting contribution to the next generation of indigenous leaders;
- Enrich the lives of the John Paul College family by developing an understanding and appreciation of indigenous culture, both past and present.
Our Environment

As a College community with over 50 nationalities, we value and respect indigenous people as the traditional custodians of the land and acknowledge that the spiritual beliefs and cultural connections to this country are as important today as they were in the past.

Our school is set on 35 hectares of natural Australian bushland at Daisy Hill, on the south side of Brisbane. With landscaped gardens and wireless networked, purpose-built contemporary buildings, every student feels very comfortable within our inclusive learning community.

We continue to create authentic spaces and symbols representative of indigenous culture. These include a yarning circle, a bush tucker grove and indigenous gardens.

Pathways to their Future

Our students have the opportunity to study within a learning framework which suits each individual and prepares them for the future of their choice.

With a variety of Senior School pathways and the opportunities to explore many exciting career options, our students are ready to meet the challenges of the world beyond school.

The College also offers students a range of support services such as Learning Enhancement, Chaplaincy, IT support and ESL.
Co-curricular Activities

At John Paul College, we offer a wide range of co-curricular activities that include the performing arts, sports and community involvement. We encourage all students to participate in the co-curricular program.

Sports

We have over 100 sporting teams which compete each week in club and school sporting competitions.

Our extensive sporting facilities include five world class playing fields, an indoor gymnasium with dedicated weights, outdoor courts and an aquatic centre with a fully heated 10 lane swimming pool. These provide superb training and playing opportunities for all students.

Performing Arts

The School of Performing Arts has an outstanding reputation and our comprehensive performance program includes participation in orchestras, ensembles, rock bands, choirs, dance companies, drama productions and visual arts. We nurture talents, practise to perfection and create unforgettable experiences for every student.

Activities, lessons and rehearsals are held in our individual rehearsal studios, auditorium and dance studios.
All indigenous students who are part of our John Paul College family will live with another family as a member of that family. Living in our Brisbane Homestay is a unique and enriching experience. Our Homestay families offer more than just board and lodging. They open their hearts, their homes and their families to indigenous students, offering them a ‘home away from home’.

This family lifestyle assists our indigenous students with living in a new city, enabling them to grow and develop during their time studying away from home.

Our Homestay parents work in partnership with us and are responsible for all academic and co-curricular commitments of the students in their families.

From 2015, we will be introducing our boutique boarding accommodation in a village atmosphere. This “home away from home” will provide our boarders with the opportunity to live, work and play with other students from all over Australia, Asia, the South Pacific and beyond.

Accommodation Options

Homestay Accommodation

Boarding
We would love your child to join the John Paul College family

We believe it is important to understand each other’s ways of seeing the world and to find a place where we can all meet, grow and learn.

By raising cultural awareness and understanding and through shared learning with indigenous families and their communities, we hope that as a school, we can play our part in connecting our cultures and improving outcomes for everyone.

Indigenous Education Scholarships

We individualise all scholarships depending on family circumstances, location and Abstudy eligibility. Scholarships include tuition fees, Homestay fees, uniforms and books.