



# Cultural Safety

an NSW AECG Inc. Position Statement

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Cultural safety is something that cannot be categorized, placed into a box, or ticked off as being achieved. For some Aboriginal and First Nation Peoples, this is a lifelong quest.

The New South Wales Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group Inc. position is very clear and concise in their standing.

Cultural safety in Australia is a process to better enable First Nation participation (Phillips, 2015). It requires the accumulation and application of First Nations knowledge of ways of knowing and being, to be imbedded in structural and systemic reforms (Mason, 2013).

All Aboriginal and First Nations students, parents, caregivers, community members and employees, have the basic human right to feel culturally safe across all living and non-living entities, workplaces, educational settings and within the wider community in which they live.

Cultural safety instructs and requires, that equity is upheld, and that diverse needs are respected and responded to through policy and practice. It is the inherent right that Aboriginal and First Nations Peoples are informed and involved in promoting cultural safety and wellbeing to enable participation without threats to their unique way of life and cultural background.

Aboriginal and First Nations Peoples, are generally more astutely aware of how one's own cultural values, knowledge, skills, and attitudes are formed, affect, and may impact upon others. Therefore, it is imperative, that all people must ethically uphold a responsibility to address their own unconscious cultural bias, racism, and discriminations.

The NSW AECG Inc. acknowledges and respects the diversity of cultures, languages, ways of being and lore's, that the state of NSW traverses. Those that are older than time itself.

We reverently respect the right of all NSW Aboriginal and First Nation Peoples to be offered the respect to define and locally self-determine their own cultural safety and knowledges that are free from all prejudices, judgements and inequalities.