



## NSW AECG Inc. welcomes new partnership supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families

The NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. (AECG) welcomes the announcement of a new partnership which aims to give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children better access to quality and culturally inclusive early childhood education and care.

The Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) has been appointed by the NSW Department of Education as sector strengthening partner for Early Childhood Education and Care.

Under this new partnership, SNAICC will receive funding to support Aboriginal community-controlled organisations delivering early childhood education and care while also providing a collective voice for the sector on critical issues.

The NSW AECG values its ongoing partnership agreement with the Department of Education, *‘Walking Together, Working Together’*, and is pleased to see further initiatives such as this which aim to improve early childhood outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander learners across the state.

Aunty Lesley Armstrong, on behalf of the NSW AECG, said every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child and family should have access to early learning at a service where they feel welcomed and that their culture is valued.

The AECG expects the number of Aboriginal community-controlled organisations delivering early childhood education and care will grow through this new partnership.

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