PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Kumaridha Local AECG and Warners Bay Community of Schools

Kumaridha Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and Warners Bay Community of Schools respectfully Acknowledges the Awabakal people as the Traditional Custodians this land and We honour all Elders past, present and future for their love, care and dedication to this country and to the ongoing preservation of their rich and proud culture. and acknowledge the diversity of local histories and connections to other Aboriginal people who have and continue to walk on Awabakal land.

This Partnership Agreement as meaning and purpose. We are committed to the aims and values of Aboriginal Education through:

- A shared commitment to the State NSW AECG and Department of Education and Training (DET) Partnership Agreement (2010–2010) which is built upon “the principles of respect, commitment, collaboration and accountability.”

- A shared commitment to achieve the goal of the NSW Aboriginal Education Policy which states “that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students will match or better the outcomes of the broader student population”.

- Recognising the unique place Aboriginal people has in this country and reinforcing the importance for all students, staff and community members to learn about Aboriginal Australia.

- Building quality relationships built on mutual respect and recognises an equal partnership. It is a meaningful document which underpins our working together for better outcomes for Aboriginal students and communities.

- Ongoing and strengthening of the relationships between the Local AECG and Local schools that are open, honest, respectful and rigorous whilst maintaining the integrity of each group’s commitment to Aboriginal Education.

- Building on and celebrating the achievements of Aboriginal people recognising that these achievements are enhanced by schools, communities and Aboriginal families working together in a genuine partnership.

- Transparent processes that embodies clear and specific commitments that are accountable for all stakeholders to genuinely consult and provide support.

- Providing our Aboriginal students with choices, freedom and opportunities to achieve their best educational outcomes and enhanced life opportunities whilst maintaining their cultural identity.

- Enhancing leadership and support for schools to engage students in a diverse range of programs (leadership for everyone and capacity building for students, staff and communities)

- Holding the highest expectations for our Aboriginal students, for ourselves and for our communities to achieve the potential of Aboriginal learners.

- Implementing policies and programs to support the needs of Aboriginal learners and their communities.
On behalf of the members of the Kumaridha Local AECG I commit to supporting the agreed priorities, principles and intent of this Partnership Agreement between the Kumaridha Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and the Warners Bay Community of Schools, supporting the learning achievements of all Aboriginal students within our schools’ communities.

Ken Weatherall,
President Kumaridha Aboriginal Education Consultative Group

On behalf of the Warners Bay Community of Schools, Lake Macquarie East, we agree to reciprocate the commitment to supporting the principles and intent of the Partnership Agreement between the Kumaridha Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group. We agree to work together to support the learning achievements of all Aboriginal students within our schools’ communities.