

# DJAARA PERSPECTIVES

## All In for Reconciliation

“All In’, the theme for National Reconciliation Week 2026, is a call for all Australians to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every single day.

‘All In’ makes clear that reconciliation is not a spectator sport and that all of us must step away from the sidelines and take actions that create change.’

This resource is designed to prompt thinking from a Dja Dja Wurrung perspective that you can use personally and with your class during Reconciliation Week.

Promoting reconciliation lets First Nations students know their culture is valued and sets a fantastic example for non-indigenous students.

You can lead this by:

- Modelling being a learner - you aren't an expert and don't need to be
- Modelling self-reflection - discuss your own misunderstandings or misconceptions and what you do to grow from those
- Celebrating and promoting First Nations culture
- Listening to First Nations voices
- Having open discussions - not everything needs to be solved - listening and respectful discussion is the first step





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We asked employees of Dja Dja Wurrung Aboriginal Clans Corporation 'What does Reconciliation mean to you' - these are their responses, split into those from Djaara people and Allies.

As a **Djaara** person, reconciliation is:

Knowing and recognising important dates

How could these words from Djaara people prompt discussion in you classroom?

Understanding our cultural achievements

Ending racism

Working towards a better present and future

A journey we are walking together

Achieving a common goal

Engaging with individuals and communities

Advancing recognition

Understanding the past





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As an **ally**, reconciliation is:

Could you and your class create a common definition of what an Ally is?

Being informed

Learning about culture

Connecting to individuals and community

Consistent action

Showing up

Interrogating race, power and privilege

Promoting First Nations peoples

Understanding history and current events

Listening and understanding

Giving up power

How will you show up to support Djaara and other First Nations peoples this Reconciliation Week?





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Some simple ideas for your classroom:

## Local History

Ask students to research the Dja Dja Wurrung local history of your area. What can you find? If it is hard to find, email your local council and ask them why.

## Class Resource Audit

With your class, conduct an audit of your learning and resources - How often are Djara or other First Nations perspectives covered? What about displays and books in the class library? How can you include more perspectives in your teaching and learning? Model an honest and reflective approach to change for your students.

## First Nations Music

Listen to some First Nations artists (there are playlists on Spotify and other services) while eating recess and lunch. Why is it important to promote artists from under represented groups?

## Local Voices

Read the prompts on the previous two pages. What inspiration do they give for actions we can take as allies?

## Connecting to Country

Look at the [Djara seasonal calendar](#) - take your students for a walk on Country and look at what is changing. What are the wattles doing? Any local waterways? What birds do you notice? What can you see, smell, hear, feel?

## Acknowledging Country

Create your own Acknowledgement of Country that can be used during Reconciliation Week - How could you use the theme of 'All In' in your Acknowledgement?

## Reading

Spend the week reading a novel or picture book by a First Nation author. Try and make it as local to your area as possible.

## Class Commitment

Create a commitment as a class - What do we pledge to do to continue Reconciliation? Make sure there are concrete actions that can be measured e.g. *We will email our local council member to ask for Dja Dja Wurrung history to be included on their website*

*Ideas inspired by Reconciliation Australia, Narragunnawali and Amnesty International.*



# FURTHER RESOURCES

[Reconciliation Australia - Guide to Truth Telling](#)

Amnesty International Australia - [Ten Ways to be a Genuine Ally](#) & [Reconciliation Toolkit](#)

Narragunnawali - [Reconciliation Teacher Toolkit](#)

[DUMAWUL Education Resources](#)

