

Aboriginal Advisory Body Communiqué 9

Meeting 9, 24 March 2026

The Aboriginal Advisory Body (AAB) held its first meeting of 2026 on 24 March 2026.

The AAB prioritises the empowerment of Aboriginal people, the success of Aboriginal students in culturally responsive school environments and shared decision-making with Aboriginal staff, families and communities.

The meeting highlighted insights and discussions into key areas including:

Aboriginal workforce update

Priorities for the Department's workforce plan includes participation, growth of the Aboriginal workforce and more leadership roles for Aboriginal people.

The AIEO Career Pathway program has progressed, with an increase in the number of AIEOs progressing to Advanced AIEO roles.

Improvements to process and professional learning continue as part of this program.

Aboriginal student data update

The Department is continuing work to better understand categories and contexts of data, taking into account school settings such as education support and regional and remote settings.

The discussion raised the need to continue to track and reflect on students' educational journeys and how data can be used to support, improve and interpret these.

Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework

Significant engagement and consultation has been carried out and is ongoing as part of the refresh of the Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework.

The focus continues to be building school responsibility for culturally safe and culturally responsive learning environments.

Connected Communities school pilot

The Connected Communities school program is being piloted at Ashburton Primary School, Clarkson Primary School, Girrawheen Senior High School and Roebourne District High School.

The program will result in increased provision and access to services for students in their schools and the surrounding community to support their learning and wellbeing.