



CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK!

NAIDOC week will be held on the 7th – 14th of July 2024.

This year at Lyndhurst SC we had a choice of different projects to complete with my Year 10 PDS class. I chose to write this article to celebrate NAIDOC day with my peers. As a team, we chose the Bunjil eagle, inspired by the Bunjil Place in Narre Warren. The Wedge-tailed eagle 'Issuu' is known to our people as the creator of our land.

So far in the PDS class we have shared the meaning of NAIDOC week and the coloured feathers of the Bunjil bird, was inspired by the many groups of students (CESC, LSC, FGSC who have participated in this activity to share their respect and honour the week)

By engaging in this project, we had a lot of fun organising this as we tried to ensure there was authenticity in the artwork we were producing. This was a great way to encourage teamwork and demonstrate effective problem-solving skills.

"As someone who is Aboriginal, I have participated in a lot of workshops in a variety of activities that celebrate the existence, power and struggles of our first peoples. It was wonderful to see students willing to understand and learn about our First Nations peoples and to bring it to life in our PDS class.

Seeing my culture being celebrated and respected by my peers has made me feel proud and happy and I want to see more of this because of how accepted it has made me feel.

I am pleased and honoured to say that I am Aboriginal and proud to identify as Aboriginal and learn about my tribe. It's one thing to learn about the Aboriginal culture but another thing to celebrate my culture at school. Special thanks to Ms. Gaitanis, Ms. Robbins and Ms. Tia for all their help and support with this work."

NAIDOC week combined with Reconciliation Week celebrates the rich indigenous history and culture in Australia. We hope to build a strong respect for the First Nations culture and a history that aims to strengthen the relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians.

