‘Welcome to Country’

The mission of all our Catholic schools is through "LEADS":

**Accountability** – “To ensure inclusivity, good governance and the resource allocation required to meet our mission” and

**Discipleship** – “To increase the enrolment of the vulnerable, poor and marginalised as a visible sign of our faith in action”

With the introduction of the new Australian Curriculum, the teaching of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures & Histories is now compulsory in all schools in Australia as a cross curriculum priority. As a professional learning community all teaching staff are obliged to meet a number of criteria under the ATSIL standards in regard to Aboriginal education.

We say “Welcome to Country’ to recognise the traditional owners of our country and to assist in the development of strong partnerships with our Aboriginal communities through respecting and valuing Aboriginal culture. It is essential we are continuing to improve relationships between the local Aboriginal community and the broader community, by demonstrating respect for Aboriginal protocol.

We are very fortunate at St Patrick’s School, that our children are educated through a specific set of Christian values which we, as a Catholic community, are called to live by.

*Kaya Wondjoo*

*Hello welcome*

*Wondoo baalup, marmun, yorga, koolungar*

*Welcome all men, women, children*

1. *Wondjoo nicha, St Patrick’s School*

*Welcome here, St Patrick’s School*

*Ngarluk Karditj, gnany moortung*

*We think of our family, people Of Koora, Yeyi, benung. Long ago, today, tomorrow Kenany Boodja*