Update on Programs/ Initiatives at Chifley Public School – 2.4.14

- In 2014, Chifley Public School has 55 students who identify as Aboriginal; representing 25% of the school population.
- Aboriginal Education continues to be one of our key priorities in our updated 2014 School Improvement Plan.
- Our two key targets are:
  I. Cultural awareness – to show increased evidence of embedding DEC Aboriginal policy cultural awareness strategies in learning programs (K-6).
  II. Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs) – to show evidence that at least 99% of Aboriginal students have reached 97% of PLP goals over a 3 year period.
- In Term 1 we began the process of completing PLP’s for our 55 Aboriginal students. Kindergarten students had new PLP’s created and students in Year 1-6 had their PLP’s evaluated and revised from last year to assess whether the students had achieved their goals and to set new directions for this year. The comprehensive process in developing a PLP involves the student, parents, class teacher, the Aboriginal Education Officer and Aboriginal coordinators from the school.
- We will continue to celebrate Aboriginal history, culture and traditions through jointly planning; carrying out and celebrating Reconciliation and NAIDOC Week events with all community members in Term 2.
- We have employed an Aboriginal Education Officer to assist us in engaging our Aboriginal students in the classroom and to ensure that we work together with the Aboriginal team and external agencies as appropriate to focus on improving educational opportunities and learning outcomes for all our Aboriginal students.
- We will continue to prioritise collaborative, positive, transparent relationships with our Aboriginal families as the key to ongoing educational success for all our Aboriginal students.

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