

NALDERUN

EDUCATION ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Creating empowering education and employment opportunities for First Nations young people at the foothills of Liyanganyuk Banyul, on Djaara Country.

Nalderun means *All Together*.

Together we are growing our young people strong and proud through connection to Community, Country, and Culture.



Nalderun is an Aboriginal Education Community Organisation operating since 2009 on Djaara Country, Castlemaine in Liyanganyuk Banyul (Mount Alexander) Shire, Victoria.

We are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander run and led under the guidance of our senior Djaara Elder Uncle Rick Nelson and continuing the legacy of Uncle Brien Nelson and Aunty Julie McHale.

We currently support more than 150 young mob across Djaara Country.

Nalderun fosters learning through Culture and Country. Through partnerships, programs and events we teach about our ways and through our worldview for a thriving future for all.



OUR PROGRAMS

Taking a holistic and strength-based approach, our programs respond to the challenges our young people often face in the mainstream education system.

We offer programs to nurture our youth by teaching and grounding them in their own Culture. This includes wrap-around services to support our kids as they move through the school system and into meaningful work. In our Balotj cyclical mentoring model our children are mentored by our youth, our youth are mentored by our young leaders, and our young leaders are mentored by our senior leaders and Elders.

We also support teachers, local schools and the education system with our ways of teaching and curriculum that follow our protocols.

THE MEETING PLACE

Our longest running program is held fortnightly for primary school-aged mob.

Students learn Our Way – through connection to Culture, Country and Community. We currently have 30 children from 15 primary schools in Mount Alexander Shire and Maryborough.



SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICE TRAINEESHIPS WRAP-AROUND SUPPORT (SBAT)

We provide a wrap-around service for students that helps support sustainable and meaningful training and employment options for young mob in their transition from school into the workforce. We work with multiple employment providers and training organisations to match First Nations youth with what they want to learn and do in the world.

WARARAK AND KULI BUSINESS

Created by and for First Nations Youth aged 12-25 years to engage in Culture and Community building activities on Country. Wararak is business for young women and gender diverse youth, while Kuli is business for those who identify as male.

First Nations Youth mentors also support secondary students with their studies and wellbeing.

CULTURAL EDUCATION, TOURS AND TRAINING

We provide training and consultation on Indigenous Relational World Views, Pedagogies and Anti-Racism, school curriculum support and inter-school networking.

ME MANDOOK GALK BUSH TUCKER PLACE

We bought back land near Chewton to heal Djandak, watched over by the Grandmother Tree. It is the site of our new First Nations youth led Bush Tucker Place, where we sow, grow and sell plants. Our dream is for this place to be an Indigenous Educational hub, to grow our programs and grow our young people.

We also support Uncle Rick's Waaman tours out on Country. Our tour and training packages are tailored in response to the needs of each group. We partner with the wider community - individuals, businesses, council and schools - to engage and promote two-way learning. We believe that when we walk forward - all together - as equals, we all thrive.

We Acknowledge the Djaara people, the custodians and caretakers of this land. We thank them for the care they have taken of Country; the rivers, mountains, trees and animals. We would like to honour the Elders of the past and present and most importantly the young proud Aboriginal people as they are our Leaders for tomorrow.

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