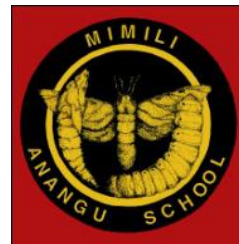


Mimili Anangu School

Language and Cultural Policy

Pitjantjatjara and Yangkuntjatjara language lessons.



Mimili Anangu School aligns to the PYEC recommendations of two Pitjantjatjara and Yangkuntjatjara lessons per week for our classes R-12.

During the week each class has a lesson delivered to them by our Anangu Language coordinator with support from either the student learning coordinator or the classroom teacher. Either this lesson is a reading lesson from the moodle or a cross curricular lesson such as keeping safe Pitjantjatjara.

Every Friday in the middle session the classroom Anangu Education Workers (AEW's) deliver a writing lesson. These lessons are from the termly partnerships unit found on the moodle. These lessons are organised and taught to AEW's by the Anangu Language coordinator, Anangu Coordinator, Student learning coordinator and principal. Classroom teachers co-lead with AEW's to support each students participation, behaviour management and resource support.

Mimili School has an embedded structure for the reading and writing sessions. See appendix.

Mimili school recognises the importance of teaching our students their first language and celebrating their success in their first language. Our teachers and AEWs teach students their Pitjantjatjara sight words daily using a sight word display in the classroom or a powerpoint. Either the classroom AEW or our Anangu language coordinator will then test their improvement and track their data termly using a sight word folder and uploading results to the partnership moodle.

At our weekly assemblies, we celebrate growth in Pitjantjatjara sight words and students receive a balloon if they have moved up a level on sight words in their classrooms. We also celebrate these results with all our staff and community through emails, family visits, community assemblies and end of term shows.

Anangu Domain

Anangu Domain has been implemented weekly on Friday's. Each class has at least one Anangu Domain day per term. When possible at least one class goes out every Friday. These are planned and supported by the Anangu Language coordinator, Anangu Coordinator, Student learning coordinator, Principal. Classroom teachers and classroom AEW's also support the organisation of the Anangu domain excursion on their week.

Anangu domain activities can be found on the partnership moodle. Mimili is surrounded by important cultural sites. You must always have an Anangu adult with you when travelling to new places to ensure you are allowed to visit and to ensure stories are shared.

*Family centre and preschool plan their own cultural excursions and Pitjantjatjara language teaching with their AEW's and parents.

AEW professional development

Mimili recognises AEW's as co teachers in our classrooms, school and AEW's receive relevant and engaging PD. Mimili School works with the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation, the partnership language team, and other relevant service providers to ensure all staff are upskilled in teaching and learning especially in their first language. Mimili School embeds early language and literacy skills and resources learnt from ALNF into our planning daily and these activities are often led by AEW's in the classroom. These include the Pitjantjatjara language app, tommy turtle, Arthur puppet, the sentence cycle, phonemic awareness games and texts.