



**Australian Government**

**Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**



### **PaCE Project**

Project Name: Wunung Beung (Mother/Father) PaCE Project

Project Start Date: 01 June 2010

Project End Date: 31 December 2012

### **Schools serviced:**

Beaudesert State School (SS)

Beaudesert SHS

Woodhill SS

Gleneagle SS

Tamrookum SS

Rathdowney SS

### **Target group:**

Parents and carers of Indigenous children aged 0-19 years

### **Initiative Description:**

Brisbane DEEWR staff conducted parent and community information sessions on the PaCE program to indigenous parents, community organisations and School representatives in the Beaudesert area.

The key message from these sessions clearly indicated that parents and community would like to see the community build capacity of parents and care-givers of Indigenous students, to understand the school system, their procedures and engage parents in their child's educational outcomes and in turn build capacity to develop their own skills.

A "Community Priority Report" was done for the Beaudesert and surrounding districts, to provide an opportunity for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of the region to highlight key priority areas to "closing the gap". A number of areas that were identified by the community include: Childhood, Early Years & Youth - Early Childhood, Education – Schooling and Governance, Leadership, Engagement & Capacity – Governance and Leadership.

The Project will engage the Indigenous parents and community members of Beaudesert and the surrounding district in developing a strategic approach to coordinate/deliver workshops that are linked to the program's objectives. Over the course of the project this will enhance the capacity of Indigenous parents and community members to engage with schools or education providers including Early Childhood and school readiness.

To do this, workshops/forums will be provided to indigenous parents and community members with information to support their children at school (ie Parents literacy and numeracy training, understanding the education system, communication skills, confidence building, etc). A "Parent and Community Engagement Facilitator" will be employed to ensure the project deliverables are met. This person will be a local Indigenous person from the Beaudesert area with good community connections. This person will connect with the local community specialists/consultants to work with parents and community members to achieve on the key deliverables. A management group will support this person.

Extensive work by the Parent and Community Engagement Facilitator and the Beaudesert community during the workshop/forums will ensure maximum output during the workshop/forums. This strategic approach will build the capacity, strength, confidence, knowledge and skills of Indigenous parents so that they are fully prepared and able to continue a one to one and group partnership with schools in the region in a positive manner.

### **PaCE workshops for 2011:**

#### **Early Years**

Playgroup 4 week early years program: July 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-10:45 am for four weeks  
Beaudesert SS Pre-prep program (part of Transitions program): start in week beginning October 10<sup>th</sup> 2011 to December 5<sup>th</sup> 2011  
Young womens group- one off workshop: May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Kindy info workshops: 8 June 2011

#### **Primary**

Woodhill SS Bush-tucker garden: August 2011  
Beaudesert SS/ Mununjali Jymbi JJ- Parent volunteers (ongoing)  
Beaudesert SS Pre-prep program  
PCSPA (Beaudesert SS and SHS): March 23, May9, June 6 2011  
6 week parent program: start 6 week program 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011 to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2011  
Gleneagle SS Art Mural Project: July 2011  
Individual parent support to engage with schools

#### **Secondary**

6 week parent program: start 20<sup>th</sup> May to 24 June 2011  
PCSPA (Beaudesert SS and SHS)  
Beaudesert SHS Year 7 to 8 transition program for parents and students: Term 4 2011  
Individual parent support to engage with schools

#### **Community**

Qld Health Art Project (incorporated as part of the 6 week parent/ carer course)