

## 2017 PALS Program

### What is PALS?

Partnership, Acceptance, Learning and Sharing (PALS) encourages Western Australian schools to develop projects that promote reconciliation in their local school and community.

### Funding

Funding assistance of up to \$750 is available for your school to complete a PALS project. PALS projects are varied, and your school may already be involved with initiatives that are eligible for PALS funding. PALS projects must focus on reconciliation and align with one or more of our six categories: Aboriginal Language and History; Student Engagement and Community Participation; Health and Wellbeing; Environment; Arts and Culture; and Digital and Technology.

### But we don't have many/any Aboriginal students...

PALS is not limited to schools with Aboriginal students. It engages non-Aboriginal students to learn more about our rich Aboriginal culture and allows all students to embrace reconciliation through shared learning and mutual respect. This experience is especially important for schools with no Aboriginal students.

### PALS Project Ideas

- Hold an event on Sorry Day (26 May) or during Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June).
- Learn about the 50th Anniversary of the [1967 Referendum](#) and the 25th Anniversary of the [Mabo Decision](#).
- Read and discuss books such as [They Served with Honour](#) available for free download on DAA's website.
- Invite Aboriginal Elders to your school to share their stories.
- Create murals and artwork within your school.
- Organise an excursion or [research](#) a culturally significant place in your local area.
- Learn about Aboriginal Dreaming Stories and the Aboriginal Seasons.
- Learn about bush tucker and medicine in your local area.
- Research and introduce an [Acknowledgement of Country](#) to your school assemblies.
- Find a school in an Aboriginal community and form a sister-school relationship.
- Evaluate media coverage of Aboriginal issues.
- Or [contact us](#) to work with you to create a project specific to your schools needs.



### 2017 Timeline



February

Applications open



March

Applications close



Terms 2 and 3

Schools implement their PALS projects



September

Projects submitted into the PALS Awards



November

PALS Awards Ceremony

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