



Informational text plaque on the wall.









The land in which Kalinda Primary sits is on Wurundjeri Country. The meaning of Wurundjeri in Woi Wurrung language is separated in two parts – ‘Wurrun’ meaning ‘Manna Gum Tree’, and ‘Djeri’ meaning ‘the white grub that lives in the tree’. Wurundjeri Country is represented by gum leaves and witchetty grubs in one corner of the circle.

Bunjil the Eagle is the Creator Spirit for the Kulin Nation, he created the land and the trees and the beautiful mountains. He created the people out of clay and used stringy bark from the trees for their hair. He is represented by his long feathers.

The mountainous ranges surrounding Kalinda Primary are signified by the curves and hills to one side of the circle. The families of students and community within Kalinda are represented by the mounds along the winding waterways. These waterways signify the Birrarung ‘Yarra River’ – ‘the river of mist and shadows’, and the many creek trails around this area.

The four outer circles represent each clan of Year 2 students. Their journey tracks toward the centre circle are shown by lines and waves to the gathering place.

The centre circle represents the meeting place in which students come to learn from the knowledge holders, their teachers. The circle represents the gathering place that is ‘Kalinda Primary’. U shapes represent people sitting and listening respectfully to their Elders and learning.

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