

Letter about playing the correct National Anthem at IPS assemblies from 5T

Dear Mr Kent,

We are writing to tell you about our concerns on the National Anthem we play on Mondays. The anthem plays "for we are **young** and free" which refers to when the British invaded the Indigenous Australians.

Did you realise that the National Anthem has been changed? The words, "for we are **young** and free" have changed to "for we are **one** and free". It was officially changed on 1 January 2021.

We read the book "Common Wealth" by Gregg Dreise who is an Indigenous Australian. He thinks that the old national anthem words are not inclusive and **we agree**.

So, could you please play the updated anthem from now on, so we are being respectful and fair to all Australians. We also would like all students at IPS to learn and acknowledge the new anthem so could you please consider updating the anthem for our school.

Yours Sincerely,

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