

# NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK EVENTS AT JOHN XXIII COLLEGE

At John XXIII College, we are committed to reconciliation, inspired by the Gospels and the spirit of John XXIII, Mary Ward, and Ignatius of Loyola. Our College motto, 'Seek Justice,' guides us to foster right relationships with each other and our environment. This National Reconciliation Week, we join Australians in embracing the 2024 theme: 'Now More Than Ever.' This theme reminds us of the ongoing need for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Join us in our commitment to reconciliation.

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27 MAY - 3 JUNE #RECONCILIATION2024

Date	Activity	Description
16 May	Secondary Assembly	We welcomed Professor Simon Forrest, a highly respected Noongar elder, to our Secondary Assembly to give a Welcome to Country and address students in preparation for Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week, commencing on Sunday, 26 May. His emphasis on the need for understanding, empathy and mutual respect served as a reminder for the need for each of us to commit ourselves to the principles of reconciliation so we can indeed 'seek justice'.
18 May	Community Event: Lake Claremont	We invited the community to join us for an enriching journey of discovery, reconciliation and truth telling as we walked Galbamaanup (Lake Claremont) with Dylan Collard who delved into the rich tapestry of our shared histories, cultures, and achievements. The event commenced with a Welcome to Country by Simon Forrest, born and raised in Wadjuk country. Simon's profound insights and experiences in Aboriginal communities and education set the tone for our journey of understanding.
18 May – 7 June	Step into Reconciliation: Explore, Learn, Unit	Join us in commemorating National Reconciliation Week with our floor decals spread across the campus. These decals are more than just decorations; they're a journey through our shared history, fostering awareness and understanding. Take a moment to pause, read, and reflect on the stories and messages that highlight the importance of reconciliation.
24 May – 31 May	NRW posters on Vivi screens	Discover the impactful NRW poster displayed on Vivi screens across campus. Take a moment to engage with its powerful message, sparking conversations and inspiring a deeper understanding of our shared journey towards reconciliation.
24 May – 31 May	Indigenous Voices: Staff Book Reviews	Our dedicated staff are diving into our library's collection of Indigenous books, offering thoughtful reviews. Discover rich stories and profound insights that highlight Indigenous cultures, histories, and perspectives. Follow along to find your next read and deepen your understanding of the rich tapestry of Indigenous literature.
27 May – 31 May	NRW Homeroom Quizzes: Test Your Knowledge	Engage with National Reconciliation Week through our themed homeroom quizzes! Designed to educate and inspire, these quizzes will challenge your knowledge about Indigenous cultures, histories, and the importance of reconciliation. Join your classmates in a fun and interactive learning experience that fosters awareness and understanding.

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27 May	<b>Screening Event: You Can't Ask That – Indigenous Australians</b>	Join us for a special screening of the impactful ABC series <i>You Can't Ask That</i> in the GBLT, featuring the episode on Indigenous Australians. This thought-provoking program breaks down stereotypes and opens up candid conversations by addressing questions often considered taboo. Don't miss this opportunity to gain deeper insights and understanding of Indigenous experiences and perspectives.
28 May	<b>Year 8 Reflection Day: Respectful Relationships with Scott Darlow</b>	Year 8 students are invited to participate in Reflection Day, focusing on the theme of Respectful Relationships. Featuring a keynote address by Scott Darlow—an acclaimed Indigenous singer, songwriter, and passionate advocate for reconciliation—this event aims to inspire and educate students on the importance of respect, empathy, and understanding in all relationships. Scott's powerful storytelling and music will provide a unique and engaging experience, leaving a lasting impact on how we connect with one another.
28 May	<b>Global Indigenous Communities Challenge</b>	Join the HASS-hosted competition celebrating Indigenous communities around the world! This exciting challenge invites students to test their knowledge on the rich cultures, histories, and contributions of Indigenous peoples globally.
30 May	<b>Reconciliation Amazing Race</b>	Join the Reconciliation Amazing Race, a fun and educational event designed to celebrate National Reconciliation Week. Teams of students will race across campus, completing challenges that focus on Indigenous cultures, histories, and the principles of reconciliation. Engage in interactive activities, learn important lessons, and compete for exciting prizes.
27 – 31 May	<b>Sea of Hands: Embracing Reconciliation</b>	Experience the iconic Sea of Hands activity in Years 7-9 HASS Classes! Originating as a powerful symbol of reconciliation, the Sea of Hands invites students to engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues and events. Learn about its significance and history dating back to the first event in 1997, held in front of Parliament House, Canberra. Join us in creating a visual representation of support for reconciliation and native title rights, fostering understanding and unity within our community.
31 May	<b>Community Mass: Reflecting on Reconciliation</b>	Join us for our weekly Community Mass in the College chapel, where prayers and reflections will center around Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week. This solemn yet hopeful gathering offers a space for our community to come together in prayerful contemplation, acknowledging past injustices and committing to the ongoing journey of reconciliation. Let us unite in faith and solidarity as we strive for healing, understanding, and harmony among all peoples.
4 June	<b>Mabo Day Lunch and Learn</b>	Join this special lunch and learn session in the GBLT presented by Daisy Farley, as we commemorate Mabo Day. Discover the significance of this landmark day in Australian history and its impact on Indigenous land rights. Through Daisy's insightful presentation, gain a deeper understanding of Eddie Mabo's legacy and the ongoing pursuit of justice and recognition for Indigenous peoples.
	<b>National Reconciliation Week Highlights: A Week of Unity and Learning</b>	Experience the essence of National Reconciliation Week in this captivating clip showcasing all the activities and key messages from the week-long celebration. From engaging quizzes to heartfelt reflections, from interactive challenges to educational presentations, join us on a journey through moments of unity, understanding, and respect. Let this clip inspire ongoing conversations and actions towards reconciliation in our community and beyond.