



Education Engagement and Attainment Initiatives (EEAI)

Information for Parents, Caregivers, Families and Communities

Overview

The Education Engagement and Attainment Initiative (EEAI) is an Australian Government funded program that helps improve the learning outcomes for First Nations children. The program is delivered by EEAi Providers in 84 remote schools with high educational needs. Providers work with students, parents, carers, families, communities, and schools, to develop activities and offer learning support that meet the needs and experiences of students, so they can do well in school.

Objectives

- Help First Nation students to do well at school
- Work with communities to provide students with cultural and language learning activities
- Build relationships between schools and parents, families, caregivers and communities to talk about learning needs and develop activities that provide appropriate support
- Improve access to school and engagement in education.

Why engagement matters

Attendance at school is important, but attending school does not always mean that students are doing well with their learning. The EEAi helps First Nations children to do well at school by focusing on their engagement with learning.

How You Can Be Involved

First Nations children do better when parents, caregivers, families and communities are included in their learning. The EEAi works with students' larger family networks, to talk about and create activities and learning support that works best for them. By doing this, activities are created to meet the specific needs and experiences of students, and learning can importantly include culture and language.

Below are some ways for parents to be involved:



- Participate in community meetings about the EEAI and share your ideas
- Talking with EEAI providers about ideas for learning activities
- Discuss any challenges and learning needs for your child with EEAI providers and schools to create a learning plan
- Attend EEAI events with your children

Examples of EEAI Activities

EEAI Student Support in Schools

- Helping children settle into classrooms, especially at the start of term or when new students arrive.
- Supporting students to return to school after long absences.
- Working with schools to support students most in need to improve their learning outcomes.

Culture and Language Projects

- Inviting Elders and community members into schools
- Organising culture and language activities, storytelling, and community-led activities
- Holding on-Country events or camps

Family Engagement

- Support with school enrolment forms and other school requirements, including transition to boarding school.
- Home visits and providing referrals to other services when families need extra support.

Youth Engagement

- Activities tailored to young people who need support.
- Prevention and wellbeing strategies inside and outside the school gate.
- Providing learning opportunities to keep students engaged.

Costs

There is no cost for students or their families to access the EEAI.

How to Access the EEAI

Parents, caregivers, families and communities can find the contact details for their local EEAI providers via the [EEAI page](#), or enquiring through a [NIAA regional office](#).

More Information

More information on the EEAI is available on the [NIAA website](#).

For questions and to discuss the EEAI you can contact your local NIAA office. Locations and contact details are available on the NIAA website [Regional offices around Australia | NIAA](#).

