

DID YOU KNOW?

60,000
YEARS



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture has been in place for over 60,000 years in Australia and is the oldest surviving culture in the world.¹

250

LANGUAGES

800

DIALECTS

Before British colonisation, over 250 First Nations languages and 800 dialects were in use.²

1 in 5 Australians speak a language other than English at home.³



1in5

1. Natsicc.org.au

2. Humanrights.gov.au

3. Humanrights.gov.au

FOR MORE INFORMATION



National Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander
Corporation - Advocacy Service

NATSIC

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Corporation Advocacy Service

Call: 1800 238 622

www.natsic.org



13YARN

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Crisis

Support Line

Call: 13 92 76

www.13yarn.org.au



Burrun Dalai Aboriginal Corporation

Supporting families of Aboriginal children
and young people of the Macleay, Nambucca,
Manning, Armidale & Tamworth regions
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WHAT IS CULTURAL SAFETY?

ONE CATHOLIC CHURCH



DIFFERENT RITES

**Syro-Malabar - Coptic - Armenian Chaldean
Maronite- Greek Byzantine - Russian**



ST JOHN PAUL II VISITS ALICE SPRINGS, 1986



“The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ speaks all languages. It esteems and embraces all cultures. It supports them in everything human and, when necessary, it purifies them. Always and everywhere the Gospel uplifts and enriches cultures with the revealed message of a loving and merciful God.”
Address of St John Paul II to the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, Alice Springs, 29 November 1986

HOW DO WE CREATE CULTURAL SAFETY?

- Consulting people from various culturally diverse backgrounds about their culture and cultural support needs, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Observing key events that celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait culture and other cultures e.g. NAIDOC week, multicultural day



- Accommodating language and communication needs. For example, providing information in various languages and formats where applicable
- Learn about other cultures, be curious, ask questions, appreciate the differences
- Displaying posters, symbols, decorations or artwork that nurture a sense of identity and belonging.