



OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION

Keeping Koorie Kids in an Education of their Choice

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OUR BIRTHDAY

This 4th August Opening the Doors Foundation will turn 18! We appreciate all the support we have received from donors and friends since we began.

18 years ago 3 activists Vicki Clark, Carol Messer and John Arthur listened to the calls of Aboriginal families calling for support in the education system. In the first year the Foundation supported 32 children. Opening the Doors Foundation has grown to support Aboriginal children from across the state to raise confidence, reach their dreams and inspire those following in their footsteps. The Foundation is continually led by Aboriginal leadership and voices to serve Aboriginal families.

It is no coincidence that the Foundation's birthday coincides with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day. The Foundation supports the education needs of Aboriginal students since 2001 and continues to listen to the diverse voices of Aboriginal communities across Victoria.

The theme for this year's National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day is *SNAICC Celebrating Our Children for 30 Years*. In line with this, we continue to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children as the leaders and thinkers of the future. There is particular focus on early years and the importance of educating young ones.

The 2019 Ambassador is Nanna from the animated children's series Little J & Big Cuz.

There is a range of ways to celebrate and support Aboriginal children this August through organisations such as Opening the Doors Foundation.

In 2019 we have supported over 800 Aboriginal students from across Victoria to reach for their dreams through education.

Donate here to help us support the education of Aboriginal children.

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