



Connected by culture

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VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD AND COMMUNITY AGENCY

Where can I go to access more information on Koorie FACES?

To learn more about Koorie FACES or to join one of our groups, please contact your nearest VACCA office directly using one of the numbers below.

North	Preston	(03) 9287 8800
South	Dandenong	(03) 9108 3500
	Frankston	(03) 8796 0700
East	Chirnside Park	(03) 8727 0200
West	Melton & Werribee	(03) 9742 8300
Ovens Murray	Wangaratta	(03) 5756 9000
	Wodonga	(03) 8373 1710
Gippsland	Morwell	(03) 5135 6055

Koorie FACES

Families and Young Fullas Connecting and Sharing

*"I got to learn more about my son's brain development and got to understand it more!
I've learnt a lot in the past 5 weeks a lot of what I didn't know and wanted to know which is great!"*

Koorie FACES participant

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Koorie FACES family produced
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What is Koorie FACES?

Koorie FACES is a free, 6-week program for parents/carers that aims to strengthen confidence and skills for growing up young fullas in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families. Parents, carers and families come together in this program to connect through yarnning circles, share stories and pass on these learnings to young fullas. Koorie FACES prioritises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parenting ways and understands that our families are strong and resilient when they are connected to their family, culture and Community.

How can Koorie FACES support me and my family?

Koorie FACES can support you to connect with a small group of other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and strengthen your cultural knowledge and understanding about parenting. Our program is fun, culturally safe and delivered in an inclusive, non-judgmental space. Your Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander program facilitator will help you to connect and work together to:

- Build knowledge and skills around cultural ways of raising young fullas.
- Unpack ideas relating to connection to culture, parenting and family values.
- Create a sense of belonging and community.

"We got to have a conversation about topics you wouldn't think that were going to be brought up! I thought this program was about parenting and that was it! But it is so much more than that it's so different everyone is so welcoming and by week 6 you feel like you've known them for months! I had a ball in this program and would hands down do it again".

Koorie FACES participant

"I like how we got a chance to have a yarn about everything".

Koorie FACES participant

Each, week, participants will yarn about a range of topics across the following themes:

1. Understanding our past
2. Being a strong Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander parent/carer
3. Being a strong Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander family
4. Being a safe family and community
5. Connecting with your young fullas
6. Managing your young fullas

Koorie Faces seeks to heal through culture, promoting strong self-identity, family values, and connection to culture and community.

Who can access Koorie FACES?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents/carers and non-Indigenous parents/carers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are eligible for Koorie FACES. While the program was developed in Victoria, it is inclusive of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

What is the time commitment for Koorie FACES?

Koorie FACES runs over six weeks during school terms. There is one session per week, and each session runs for 3 hours. Koorie FACES will be delivered in the locations listed over the page during school terms on a rotating basis. Please contact your nearest VACCA office to find out when Koorie FACES will next be available in your local area.

