Celebrating NAIDOC Week 2024





Explore the strength and vitality of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures in classrooms this NAIDOC Week with SBS Learn

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SBS Learn has launched its annual curriculum-aligned education resource for National NAIDOC Week (7 - 14 July), to support learning about First Nations cultures, knowledges, histories, and perspectives in classrooms across Australia.

This is SBS Learn's sixth National NAIDOC Week education resource, once again authored by proud Yankunyjatjara, Kokatha and Wirangu educator, Shelley Ware. The resource explores this year's NAIDOC Week theme, *Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud,* providing educators with a range of engaging activities for primary and secondary students, from Foundation to Year 10.



NAIDOC Artwork 'Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud' by Jeremy Worrall (Wright), Source: NITV



Available online, it features classroom-ready clips, questions and prompts to guide meaningful conversations, targeted reading lists, collaborative classroom activities, and more, equipping educators with tools and activities to engage students this NAIDOC Week. The resource will also be available as a colourful pdf for educators on June 25th.

Shelley Ware said: "This year's NAIDOC theme celebrates the core of our community. We keep the fire burning in our hearts and souls and pass this passion and courage down to our young ones through storytelling, songs, cultures, traditions and ceremonies - I am delighted to once again extend this to classrooms with our new teaching resource. It's been an honour to write the SBS Learn NAIDOC Week resources for the past six years and be a part of the teaching journey for educators across Australia."

Liam, a secondary school English teacher in NSW, said: "SBS Learn's NAIDOC Week resource provides me with the confidence to deliver First Nations content in the classroom. As a teacher, it is so important to use resources developed by First Nations educators, because their materials provide perspectives and insights that are often not present in the classroom."

Each year, the SBS Learn resource is available to download for free from the <u>SBS Learn website</u>. Last year, there were more than 50,000 visits to the SBS Learn website for NAIDOC Week content with many thousands copies also downloaded. The 2024 resource – and all the <u>previous SBS Learn NAIDOC Week materials</u> - can also be used throughout the year to support teachers in the classroom.

During NAIDOC Week 2024, SBS and NITV will be championing First Nations perspectives and celebrating Blak excellence through a range of content across the network, with more details about this year's line-up to be shared in the coming weeks.

SBS Learn's NAIDOC Week resource proudly continues the work set out in <u>SBS's Elevate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) 2022-2026</u>. The RAP outlines SBS's commitment to reflecting, exploring and embedding First Nations stories, knowledges, cultures and languages across the network, and to connecting the oldest continuous culture on Earth with the newest Australians.

For more free Australian Curriculum aligned learning resources for teachers and educators, visit the <u>SBS Learn website</u>.



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