

*Action on Aboriginal Perspectives in Early Childhood (AAPEC) presents*

# **The Possum Skin Pedagogy Professional Learning Project**

*Professional Learning Opportunity – Semester 2, 2018*



*Image Credit: Annette Sax*

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*In 2016, Warrawong funded AAPEC to develop a Victorian early childhood pedagogy focusing on the possum skin cloaks of the Victorian Aboriginal community. Indigenous early childhood consultant Dr Sue Atkinson Lopez consulted with 7 Aboriginal Victorian Aboriginal Elders and senior community members to design the content of the 'Possum Skin Pedagogy: A guide for early childhood practitioners'.*

*The document produced discusses 7 themes that can be explored with children referencing the possum skin as a marker of the maintenance and revival of Victorian Aboriginal culture and identity. During the final consultations with the Aboriginal participants it was requested that the guide be supported by a focused professional learning project to ensure its respectful and culturally appropriate implementation.*

## **What is the Possum Skin Pedagogy Professional Learning Project?**

*The Possum Skin Pedagogy Professional Learning Project is funded by The Association of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies (AGECS) and will be conducted over 4 mornings in semester 2. Aimed at practitioners working directly with children, the program will be lead by Annette Sax, a Taungurung woman and early childhood consultant, and Denise Rundle, an experienced early childhood practitioner, with input from Victorian Aboriginal Elders and senior community members.*

***Participants will attend four face-to-face sessions in Pascoe Vale from 9.30am-12.30pm on the following dates:***

*Session 1: Friday 27 July 2018*

*Session 2: Friday 17 August 2018*

*Session 3: Friday 14 September 2018*

*Session 4: Friday 16 November 2018*

*The learning project also comprises on-line discussions, reflective dialogues, and completing a professional learning project around implementing and evaluating what you have learnt during the sessions and how this knowledge impacts on your teaching.*

### **Who should apply?**

- 1) You need to work directly with children in a registered children's service (birth-12yrs)*
- 2) You need to be supported by your employer who will need to sign-off your application*
- 3) You must commit to the entire program as outlined above.*

*We have only 30 places available and are looking for a wide variety of participants to take part, in terms of the work setting, ages of children in the work setting, experience, qualifications and cultural background.*

***We are therefore restricting applications to one person per centre to help ensure a range of participants.***

*So, if you are interested in equity, want to establish/expand your knowledge of local Indigenous pedagogies, culture and communities please apply.*

**Cost**

*\$220 GST incl.*

**Other**

*Please BYO device.*

**How to apply**

*Fill in the online application form explaining why you are interested in being part of this program, as well as addressing selection criteria 1-3 above. Also describe the benefit for you as an individual, children, families, your profession and your employer in being part of this program.*

*Online applications close Monday 28 May 2018.*

*Applicants will be notified by Monday 11 June 2018.*

*Click here to apply*

**Contact**

*Queries can be directed to AAPEC via FKA Children's Services.*

*Phone 03 9428 4471 or email [fkacs@fka.org.au](mailto:fkacs@fka.org.au)*