



## The Orygen Statement of Commitment to the First Nations of Australia

Orygen acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands we are on and pays respect to their Elders past and present. Orygen recognises and respects their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationships to Country, which continue to be important to the First Nations people living today.

This Statement of Commitment guides all First Nations activities at Orygen.

1. Orygen acknowledges and recognises:
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as the First Nations of Australia.
  - The resilience, strength, aspirations and the right to self-determination of First Nations peoples.
  - The loss and grief held by the First Nations caused by dislocation from traditional lands, loss of lives and freedom, and the forced removal of children.
  - The ongoing harm done to First Nations by mainstream policies and practices.
  - The continuing impact of these factors on the social and emotional wellbeing of First Nations young people.
2. Orygen will work to build strong relationships and meaningful partnerships with First Nations people and organisations, particularly First Nations young people and organisations that work with First Nations young people.
3. Orygen is committed to understanding and acknowledging Australia's history and its impact on the social and emotional wellbeing of First Nations young people. Orygen will promote and celebrate First Nations cultures and build cultural capability at every level of the organisation, acknowledging that the development of cultural capability is an ongoing learning experience.
4. Orygen will pursue opportunities to support the development of First Nations people and organisations.
5. Orygen is committed to implementing reform guided by these principles via the Cultural Strengthening Plan and other works.



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'Honey ants and the rivers of hope to sharing knowledge', 2018

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