The learning available to all students through the NAIDOC website: http://www.naidoc.org.au/ is immeasurable for teachers and students.

The site may be used for research in foundational knowledge concerning National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Week, the history of themes since 1972, and the host cities for the NAIDOC Awards ceremonies.

The following teaching ideas relate directly to supporting teachers in addressing The Australian Curriculum: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Culture cross-curriculum priority; with provision of content that can be used across multiple learning areas and stages/grades from Foundational Studies to Year 12. The material in the NAIDOC site may also be relevant to VET and University students undertaking Indigenous Studies.

**KEY LEARNING**

The Australian Curriculum: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures cross-curriculum priority. The Australian Curriculum is working towards addressing two distinct needs in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education:

- that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are able to see themselves, their identities and their cultures reflected in the curriculum of each of the learning areas, can fully participate in the curriculum and can build their self-esteem
- that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures cross-curriculum priority is designed for all students to engage in reconciliation, respect and recognition of the world’s oldest continuous living cultures.
**NAIDOC 2018 Theme & Poster – Because of Her, We Can!**

**Focus Question:** What is the 2018 theme and why is it important? How did the artist reflect the theme in her artwork? Do you think the artwork reflects this year’s theme and is it engaging?

**Activity:**
- Students brainstorm – what they see in the Poster and why is it significant?
- Students workshop in small groups and then report back to the whole class, to define/explain key terms used in the Poster and in the text below it, such as: freedom, justice, equal, respect, communities, invaluable, resilience, identity, freshwater and saltwater.
- Students read the explanation of the Poster's artwork, by the artist and discuss the important messages relayed. Students pick one issue – from the artist’s explanation- and write: either a poem or letter to someone about the selected issue.
- Students create their own product based on this year’s theme: e.g. design their own poster using computer graphics, pens, pencils or paints, compose a song or a piece of poetry, compile a media release, plan a school event to celebrate NAIDOC week or design a pamphlet.


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