



INDIGENOUS STUDIES RESEARCH NETWORK SYMPOSIUM 5th November 2008



ABORIGINES AND THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

Keynote speaker: Dr Chris Sarra

Over the past decade educational outcomes for Indigenous people have not improved greatly. The Indigenous population is young: 40 percent of Indigenous people are under 15 years of age. Indigenous children are still less likely to attend pre-school. At the primary sector level only 48 percent of Indigenous students in year 7 met the national benchmarks for numeracy and literacy. Many Indigenous students do not complete year 12 and regardless of their completion year many leave school poorly prepared which limits their post school options and life choices. Within the tertiary sector, undergraduate commencements have declined and the bulk of Indigenous students are now aged 21 years or over. At the postgraduate level, Indigenous PhD completions must increase by more than 50 percent to achieve population level parity with non-Indigenous students.

This symposium seeks to bring together researchers and educators to present papers about Indigenous people's participation in the Australian education system.

The Indigenous Studies Research Network Symposium will be held at QUT's Kelvin Grove Campus on the 5th November from 9am-5pm. Registration will also include morning and afternoon tea as well as lunch.

On line registration system:

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