Planet's Acknowledgment of Country

Sit together in a circle with our hands touching the earth. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land.

Here at (Planet, Coledale Public School, Coledale beach or where ever you are),

We would like to say thank you to the Dharawal people,

For letting us share their land.

We promise to look after it.

The ocean and beaches,

the escarpment,

the animals,

the trees

and the people too.

With our hands, our hearts and our heads.

Planet Childcare acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the original inhabitants of Australia and recognise their culture as part of the cultural heritage of all Australians. We pay our respects to the Dharawal people on whose land we learn and play.

We are committed to reconciliation, and recognise the significance of the home cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to their developing identity and sense of self-worth. We pursue the need for our community, our environment, our service's interactions to positively reflect and promote these identities and cultures, and to support their growth in new generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. We teach the importance of all Australians knowing and understanding the histories and current realities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and the need for all Australian children to grow up in a society that acknowledges and addresses this past and present.

We actively seek involvement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in all aspects of our activities by inviting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to seek employment, and come and visit us at Planet and will build relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations. We will challenge insensitive and biased attitudes, practices and behaviours and ensure that current and future practices, publications and policies throughout our Early Learning Centre are respectful of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, acknowledge current realities and are proactive in supporting Reconciliation. We will invite elders, artists, musicians and dancers to visit us and send our educators to in-service training to gain a better understanding of the original people of Australia.

Always was, always will be Aboriginal land.....