In 2009 a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Team was established. This team consisted of teachers and parents. In 2010 students also become an important part of this team.

The core team developed our School’s Reconciliation Action Plan ready for implementation in 2010. Our RAP is an evolving action plan which encompasses all aspects of the school, not just the teaching and learning programs, and involves all members of the school community.

We will achieve our vision for Reconciliation through:

- Developing relationships with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Valuing and acknowledging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and history
- Participating in and promoting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures
- Integrating Indigenous perspectives into key learning areas and integrated units of work

Our Reconciliation Action Plan can be viewed on our School’s website and on Reconciliation Australia’s website.

Reconciliation Australia Website
Our RAP focuses on 3 key areas.

1. **Relationships:**
   We recognise the importance of continuing to build positive relationships and understandings between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students. Positive relationships allow us to:
   - Promote understanding and awareness of Indigenous culture and an acknowledgement of historical events.
   - Develop communication with Indigenous people within the community.
   - Break stereotypes.

2. **Respect:**
   Respect is important to Hawthorndene Primary School’s vision for reconciliation.
   Respect is the foundation for:
   - Positive relationships,
   - Supportive learning environments,
   - Valuing of peoples diverse backgrounds and cultures,
   - Acknowledging and celebrating peoples differences and
   - Creating an inclusive school environment.

3. **Opportunities:**
   We will create opportunities for our students to engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities in ways that are mutually beneficial.
   We are committed to:
   - The participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in programs that promote the exchange of ideas and experiences.
   - Showing respect for each other and the land.
   - The creation of opportunities to understand the diversity of Indigenous people and their culture.

Our School’s vision for Reconciliation is for all students to understand and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture.