

## Aboriginal literacy key to education

# INTERPLAY WELLBEING FRAMEWORK

FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE IN REMOTE AUSTRALIA

#### **METHODS**

- ► Participatory action research was used to translate 'stories' into 'numbers'
- 'Shared space' model was applied to develop the Interplay Wellbeing Framework and Survey tool
- ▶ 900 Aboriginal adults were surveyed from 4 different remote communities
- Interrelationships were identified with structural equation modeling

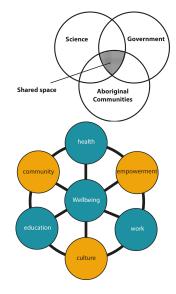
### **OUTCOMES**

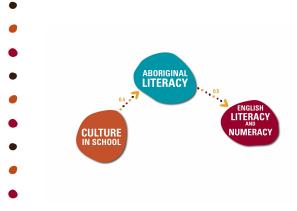
- ► Education outcomes are much better for those who learn about their own culture at school, and learn Aboriginal literacy as a stepping stone to English literacy
- Culturally relevant curriculum and learning styles improves education outcomes

Aboriginal knowledge is passed on through stories, and governments mainly speak the

- language of numbers, so we brought together
- stories and numbers, for the two worlds to meet.
- The Interplay Wellbeing Framework brings together Aboriginal priorities of culture,
   empowerment and community with government
  - priorities of education, employment and health.
- 'Interplay' means that everything exists together.

•	Framework domain	Survey item
•	Culture in School	Leaned in first language Learned about my culture Community supported my school
•	Aboriginal Literacy	Read Write
•	English Literacy & Numeracy	Read Write Fill out forms Understand Numbers





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