

Reconciliation SA and the Department of Education launch the inaugural 'Deadly' Youth Forum 2026

Introduction

Reconciliation SA, in partnership with the Department for Education, is proud to launch the inaugural 2026 'Deadly' Youth Forum — an exciting next phase in co-creation that places Aboriginal young people at the centre of shaping reconciliation, anti-racism, action and change across schools and communities in South Australia.

The 'Deadly' Youth Forum celebrates young people as leaders, changemakers and co-creators, providing a unique opportunity for students to share their experiences, aspirations and ideas for creating more inclusive, culturally safe and respectful learning environments.

Please note: throughout this EOI the term 'Aboriginal students' or 'Aboriginal young people' refers to people who identify as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the 'Deadly' Youth Forum?

We invite schools to submit EOIs on behalf of eligible Year 9 and Year 10 Aboriginal students - attending South Australian public schools; to contribute and participate in the 'Deadly' Youth Forum 2026, as 'Deadly Delegates'.

Up to 100 students (up to 5 students per school) will come together on the unceded lands of the Kaurna people in Tarntanya (Adelaide) for a one-day in person event at Carclew (North Adelaide) on Wednesday 23 September 2026.

The 'Deadly' Youth Forum has been developed as part of a shared commitment to reconciliation, anti-racism, action and meaningful change across the education sector. Through student-led conversations, creative expression and intergenerational connection, 'Deadly Delegates' will explore:

- What reconciliation means to young people
- How reconciliation is understood and/or experienced in school communities
- Student perspectives on racism and anti-racism in education
- Co-creation of opportunities for positive action and change to ensure inclusive, culturally safe and respectful learning environments

Attendance is free. Confirmation of tickets is based on the receipt of a completed and correct EOI and tickets available. They are not merit based in anyway

What are the 'Deadly' Youth Forum Activities?

'Deadly Delegates' will participate in:

- Student-led yarning and discussion sessions supported by facilitators
- Creative workshops including weaving / string making and visual arts



- Audio storytelling and interview activities
- Opportunities to connect with community leaders, artists, educators and mentors
- Relationship-building with Aboriginal students from across South Australia

Lunch is provided - please nominate any dietary requirements in the EOI Form. Please nominate any additional student needs in the EOI form.

The forum is designed to foster confidence, connection and leadership, creating space for young people to see themselves reflected in future pathways and possibilities.

Why be a part of the 'Deadly' Youth Forum?

The 2026 'Deadly' Youth Forum offers 'Deadly Delegates' the opportunity to:

- Share their voice and experiences
- Influence future reconciliation and anti-racism initiatives
- Build leadership skills and confidence
- Connect with peers from across South Australia
- Celebrate culture, creativity and community

Students will receive a 'Certificate of Contribution' acknowledging the deep significance of their participation and contribution as a 'Deadly Delegate'. We encourage schools to identify and support eligible students to apply for this exciting opportunity.

Who Can fill out an EOI to be a part of the 'Deadly' Youth Forum?

Expressions of Interest are invited from schools - nominating Year 9 and Year 10

Aboriginal students currently attending South Australian public school - to participate as 'Deadly Delegates'.

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'Formal Offer of Tickets' and 'Confirmation of Attendance' is based on the receipt of a completed and correct EOI form and tickets available; they are not merit based in anyway. There are a limited number of tickets available.

Formal offers of tickets and confirmations of attendance will be via email and managed by Reconciliation SA. Confirmation of Attendance will be confirmed after the EOI submission form closing date. Some tickets will be reserved for remote and/or regionally based students.

- EOI Submission Form Closing Date – 5pm (ACST) Friday 21st August 2026.
- Attendance confirmations Closing Date - by 5pm (ACST) Friday 4th September 2026.

Please ensure that all fields of the EOI form are correct and complete on submission to be eligible for available tickets. *Please note: throughout this EOI the term 'Aboriginal students' or 'Aboriginal young people' refers to people who identify as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.*

Is there Travel Support available to be a part of the 'Deadly' Youth Forum for the September in-person session?

Limited funding is available to support travel associated costs for students from regional and remote South Australian public schools.

Please provide an itemised quote with your EOI for associated travel costs for consideration. Please note:

- Any awarded travel associated funds will be agreed in writing with Reconciliation SA at the same time as formal tickets are allocated and offered.
- For reimbursement of associated travel costs to the agreed amount (full or partial) all receipts and/or tax invoices must be collated and submitted to Reconciliation SA before reimbursement can be arranged.
- Reimbursement will be processed to the pre-agreed amount after the in-person event with receipt of an invoice.

How are we co-creating a lasting ongoing impact through the 'Deadly' Youth Forum?

The listening and learning from young people will continue to shape reconciliation and anti-racism initiatives across the education sector. We acknowledge the critical need for individual and collective student voices, experiences and aspirations to be actively embedded into our vision, mission, infrastructures, and everyday learning environments.

Follow-up surveys will be shared with young people to continue to listen and learn from their experiences. Ongoing opportunities to co-create with young people are upcoming in Term 4, 2026.

More information to nominate interest in 'Future 'Deadly' Youth Forum Session(s)'

Online session(s) to continue listening, learning and co-creating with 'Deadly Delegates' will be held in Term 4, 2026.

The 'Future 'Deadly' Youth Forum Session(s)' extends an invitation to students - across year levels and cultures - in ongoing support of reconciliation and co-creation of action and change in learning environments across South Australia.

These sessions will centre student voices and perspectives gathered and shared by 'Deadly Delegates' from the September in-person event. These sessions seek to continue conversations across cultures and form next steps in co-creating more inclusive, culturally safe and respectful learning environments.

Nominate in the EOI form your interest in being involved in 'Future 'Deadly' Youth Forum Session(s)' or contact Reconciliation SA education@reconciliationsa.org.au

Link to EOI FORM -

<https://recsa.wufoo.com/forms/deadly-youth-forum-2026-expression-of-interest/>