Questions and Answers

Wannik Tutorial Program Funding

Why is there a change in the funding arrangement for eligible Koorie students in 2011

- The Wannik Tutorial Program is supporting the introduction of an online tool to support schools in strengthening the Individual Education Plan for each Koorie student with their tutoring.

- This online tool called the Koorie Education Learning Plan (KELP) was developed in the Northern Metropolitan Region with support from the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc (VAEAI) and the Department. Funding will be allocated to regions to support schools to adopt the Koorie Education Learning Plan (KELP) in 2011.

- Hence, funding has been adjusted to $1,450 for Years 2 to 10 students, $1,700 for Year 11 students and $2,200 for Year 12 students.

How are Year 11 and 12 Koorie students funded?

- Schools with Year 11 and 12 Koorie students will receive quarterly payments in their SRP cash grant beginning in Term 1 2011. Student numbers are based on Year 10 and Year 11 enrolments taken at the 2010 August census.

- An adjustment will be made to schools Term 2 allocation taking into account 2011 February census enrolments.

- Schools need only report on a variation for Koorie students transferring into their school after the 2011 February Census due by 8 April to make adjustments to their allocation in Term 2.

- Schools should note that any Year 11 and 12 student who enrolls in the school after Friday 8 April variation can be reported in Term 2 on Friday 1 July 2011. No variations will be accepted after this date for 2011.

How are Years 2-10 eligible Koorie students funded?

- Years 2-10 Wannik Tutorial Program funding will begin in Term 2 2011 and be paid into schools SRP cash grant for both Term 1 and 2. Further payments are made quarterly.

- Principals need to report on the number of eligible Year 7 Koorie students using the Year 7 Student Enrolment Variation Form which is due by 11 March 2011 for Term 2 payment. Schools should allow time to check feeder primary schools and their VELS report to identify eligible Koorie students. The February census will not be able to identify this information because of the privacy act.

- Schools need to report variations for any Year 2-10 Koorie students transferring into the school after the 2011 February Census due by 8 April to make adjustments to their allocation in Term 2.

- Schools should note that any Year 2-10 Koorie student who enrolls in the school after Friday 8 April variation can be reported in Term 2 on Friday 1 July 2011. No variations will be accepted after this date for 2011.
On-Line Variation Forms

Why are on-line variation forms not open until 1 March 2011?

- Enrolment data collected at the 2011 February Census will be used to identify Koorie students who are eligible for funding. Waiting till after February Census will minimise the number of students to report as variations. School will only have to report on Year 7 eligible Koorie students and new students enrolling in their school after the Census date.

Do I submit a variation if an eligible Koorie student is transferring out of my school?

- No you do not have to complete a variation form. Only the school enrolling the student will submit a variation.

Why do I report a variation on eligible Year 7 Koorie students on 11 March 2011?

- The privacy act does not allow the transfer of this information to the transferring school and hence the enrolling school will need to check each child and make contact with the feeder primary school to verify their VELS data for eligibility.

Why are there only two dates to report variations for Wannik Tutorial Funding?

- Friday 8 April is given in Term 1 to allow schools to adjust the schools funding allocation for Term 2 for eligible Koorie students who enrol in their school after 2011 February Census.

- Friday 1 July is given in Term 2 to allow further adjustments to the schools funding allocation for Term 3 for eligible Koorie student enrolling in the school.

- No further variations are accepted after Friday 1 July 2011 as funding will be fully committed based on enrolments in the system.

- Schools are encouraged to seek advice from their regional Koorie Education Workforce in the first instance and the Wannik Unit for advice on how manage changes in Terms 3 & 4.