

**Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission****From: Anonymous 1049****Dated: 29 October 2024****Submission:****What do you know about the colonisation of Victoria and its impacts on First Peoples?**

Yes but not through my formal education. Kids should be taught the truth of their past at school.

**What has been your experience learning about First Nations history and culture in Victoria's education system? Do you feel it was comprehensive?**

So bad. I learned almost nothing at school from primary through to university. I was lucky to work in schools (I am a teacher) with a good amount of First Nations history and culture taught, but that's only because we had a high number of First Nations staff and students. All schools should be taught, not just some based on the staff and students' backgrounds .

**What changes would you like to see in Victoria to promote better understanding and respect for First People's?**

Proper outcomes within the Victorian curriculum (not just ambiguous mentions) of colonisation and the true history of our state and country. Proper training, CUST and otherwise, for staff to ensure they're delivering lessons/information in a respectful and appropriate manner. A treaty to acknowledge sovereignty and First Nation's history and voices properly; and school students taught what this is and why we need one.

**In what ways do you think non-First Nations Victorians can contribute to the process of truth-telling and treaty?**

Learn or educate themselves about the process; and about our dark history. Enter discussions with open ears and give space and room to First Nations voices first. Support a treat and truth telling process.

**In what ways could First Peoples history and culture be promoted in Victoria?**

School events, public events and holidays, more information on tv and radio for those who may not seek out the information!

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