

Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission**From: Anonymous 1130****Dated: 5 November 2024****Submission:****What do you know about the colonisation of Victoria and its impacts on First Peoples?**

Not enough. Aware of ongoing impact to first peoples, including poorer health outcome/education levels/facing ongoing racism/over representation in justice system.

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

I went through a few years of public school, then remainder in private system in the 90s. I don't think I had any education around First Nations history, absolutely not comprehensive. The little I was taught was from white historians, not First Nations people My children are currently in the private education system in Victoria, so I don't have knowledge of public system. The private school they go to seems to have excellent early education around First Nations people's culture, including language, books from First Nations authors and regular education sessions with a local community elder. I would like this to be standard across education in Victoria. Being taught the history from First Nations people, not the white colonial side of history.

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

Improved education as above Meaningful changes at state government level to ensure that First Nations voices are heard. Truth telling and acknowledgment by Victorian government about colonial history and what happened Treaty

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

Listen to the stories Have an acknowledgment at government level of truth telling.

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

New public holiday specific for history and culture of first peoples

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