

Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission**From: Anonymous 1131****Dated: 5 November 2024****Submission:****What do you know about the colonisation of Victoria and its impacts on First Peoples?**

Quite a lot as my mother is an historian working in Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and has worked with many Aboriginal people. And my mother's friend is Palawa and has always been present in my life as my Aunty.

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

My schooling did not in anyway further my education on Aboriginal Australian peoples. Especially in regards to local history. Frankly I think there is very little actual localised Aboriginal education being given in schools. We did dot paintings on boomerangs and I was never even taught the name of who's land I was standing on.

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

I want significant and localised Aboriginal education, preferably by connecting with local indigenous peoples.

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

Listen. Non-first nations Victorians need to listen. Some really want to, but don't know how. Or weren't taught how.

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

Free and regular education. Normalising using Aboriginal place names ect.

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