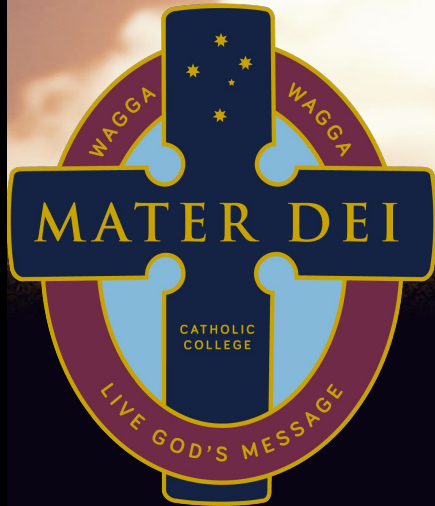
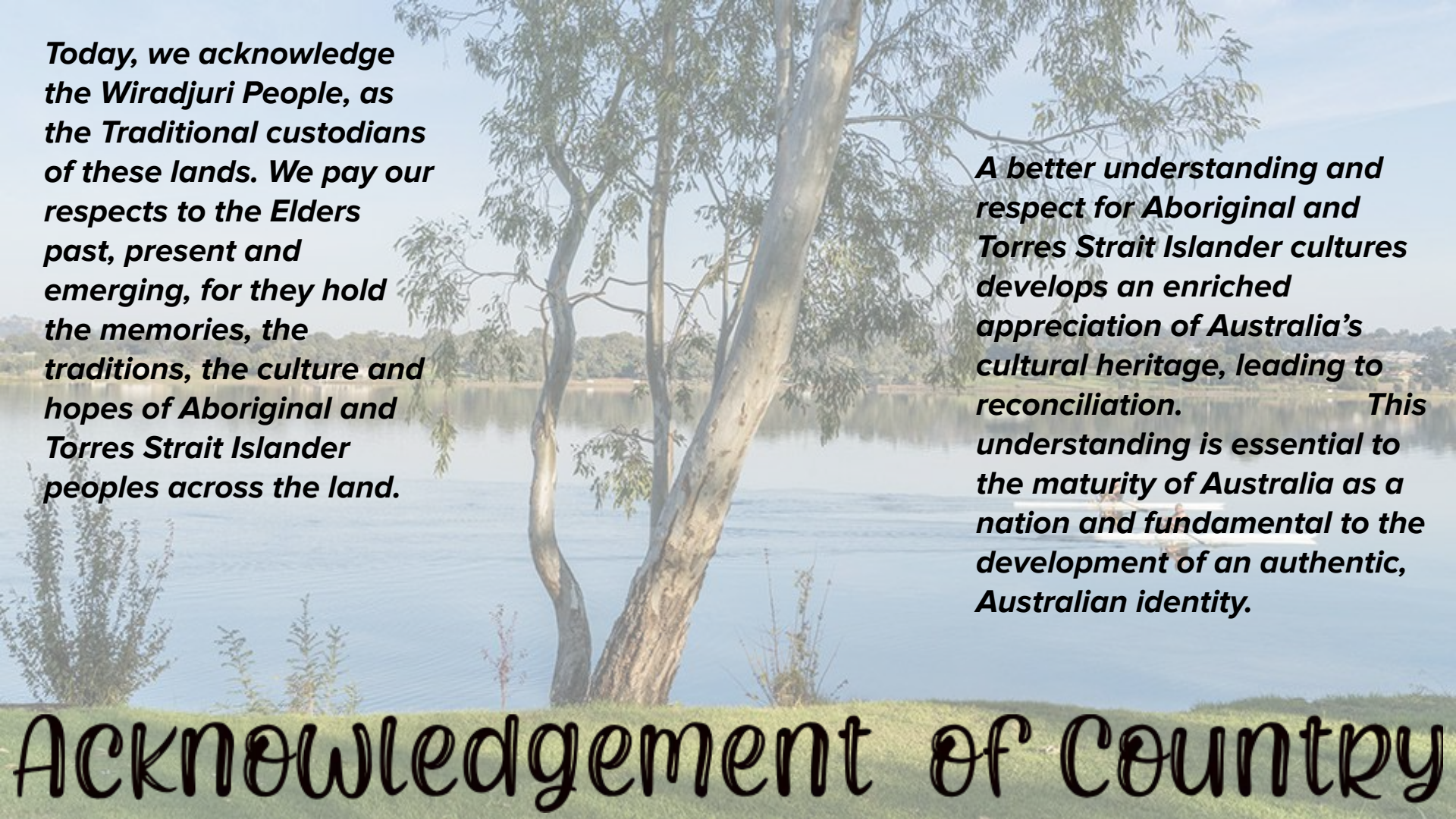


alive in the spirit





***Today, we acknowledge
the Wiradjuri People, as
the Traditional custodians
of these lands. We pay our
respects to the Elders
past, present and
emerging, for they hold
the memories, the
traditions, the culture and
hopes of Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander
peoples across the land.***

***A better understanding and
respect for Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander cultures
develops an enriched
appreciation of Australia's
cultural heritage, leading to
reconciliation. This
understanding is essential to
the maturity of Australia as a
nation and fundamental to the
development of an authentic,
Australian identity.***

Acknowledgement of Country

Alive in the Spirit



Romans 8 *'Life Through the Spirit'*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption. The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now, if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. When we do not know what we ought to pray for, the Spirit himself intercedes for us. He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, they have been called according to his purpose.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Prayers of the Faithful

We pray that all who lead and learn, all who teach and serve, all who seek goodness, truth and beauty, will know great inspiration, caring community, and deep, abiding hope. May we all continue to live each day, in response to the call to the fullness of life, modelled by Edmund and Nano. **Through the spirit of our Founders and Christ our Lord, we pray.** **Response: Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray that the example of the Christian Brothers and Presentation Sisters will renew in us, a sense of selfless commitment, generosity in service and faithful compassion to the poor.
Through the spirit of our Founders and Christ our Lord, we pray.
Response: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who have served our parishes, our schools and our community. May the Lord, the giver of all good gifts reward their courage and dedicated service.
Through the spirit of our Founders and Christ our Lord, we pray.
Response: Lord hear our prayer.



We pray for all students in our Mater Dei Community. May they experience the joy of God's presence as a 'spirit alive' and in Him, find love, security and hope.
Through the spirit of our Founders and Christ our Lord, we pray.
Response: Lord hear our prayer.

As we celebrate the legacy and gifts of our founders, may we realise our opportunity to be messengers of hope, joy, justice and peace in the world.
Through the spirit of our Founders and Christ our Lord, we pray.
Response: Lord hear our prayer.

KEEPING THE SPIRIT OF OUR FOUNDERS ALIVE

As you view the video clip that follows, take the opportunity to close your eyes if you would like to, and meditate on being 'Alive in the Spirit'.

Consider the following...

- Who awakens your spirit?
- How are you called into the fullness of life?
- What activities re-awaken your spirit?
- How can you be more open to allow the spirit to be alive in you?

**SPIRIT
ALIVE**
2020

How will you keep the spirit of our Founders alive in 2020?





We conclude our prayer today,

In the name of the Father,

And of the Son,

And of the Holy Spirit,

AMEN