

## Fast Facts

- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples comprise only 1.2% of the teaching workforce but 4.9% of school students.<sup>i</sup>**
- **In 2012, 2,661 out of 450,000 teachers identified as Indigenous.<sup>ii</sup>**
- **In 2015, there were 3,100 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Peoples in the teaching workforce.<sup>ii</sup>**
- **In 2015, more than half (53%) of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students in higher education courses did not complete, compared with a quarter of non-Indigenous students.<sup>iii</sup>**
- **The median age of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander teachers is 40.<sup>ii</sup>**
- **Three out of four Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander teachers are female.<sup>ii</sup>**
- **Enrolment from the first half of 2015 showed 13,200 of the 1.2 million people enrolled in Australian universities were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Peoples (an increase of 7.6% from 2014).<sup>iv</sup>**
- **83% of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander teachers are classroom teachers, 7% are deputy principals, and 3% are principals.<sup>ii</sup>**
- **80% of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander teachers are in ongoing employment, 17% are on fixed term contracts, and 3% are casual.<sup>ii</sup>**
- **Nearly half (49%) of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander teachers are employed in major cities, while one in ten are employed in remote or very remote areas.<sup>ii</sup>**
- **There has been an 80% rise in the number of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students across all courses (including teacher education) from 2001 to 2014.<sup>ii</sup>**
- **The number of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students in teacher education has doubled (an increase of 53%) between 2001 and 2014.<sup>ii</sup>**
- **The percentage of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander teachers with a bachelor degree or above increased by 3.4% from 2012 to 2015.<sup>v</sup>**
- **41% of teachers, who were working part-time in 2012, are now full time.<sup>v</sup>**

<sup>i</sup> ACDE. *Education deans call for political commitment to increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teachers*. 9 June 2016. Web.

<sup>ii</sup> Johnson, P. Cherednichenko, B. Rose, M. *Evaluation of the MATSITI Project, Final Report*. 2016, pg.vi, 116, 118.

<sup>iii</sup> Edwards, D. McMillan, J. *Completing university in a growing sector: Is equity an issue?* 2015, pg. v.

<sup>iv</sup> Department of Education and Training, Higher Education Statistics. *First Half Year student summary infographic*. 27 January, 2016. Web.

<sup>v</sup> MATSITI. *Analysis of the 2015 Indigenous Teaching Workforce*. 29 March, 2016, pg.16, 36 (yet to be released).