Gandu Jarjum is the QTU's committee for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members, providing leadership, guidance and grassroots member knowledge and insights to the Union on matters related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teacher employment and the provision of quality school and vocational education, particularly in regional, rural and remote Queensland.

Gandu Jarjum’s spirit is captured in its name. Recommended by the Brisbane Council of Elders, it means “children children” - gandu from the Matya-Mundu language of south west Queensland and jarjum from the Yugumbir language of the region to the south of Brisbane. Committee members are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander educators working in locations across the state.

Identifying as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander teacher with the QTU enables the Union to provide you with member specific information, including professional development opportunities. Actively engaging in the QTU as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander member enables you to participate in Union committees and decision-making, as well as representing the QTU in other forums. There is a designated position on QTU Executive and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander member representation is prioritised on QTU committees.

Gandu Jarjum members invite you to strengthen the participation and voice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teachers in our Union by supplying the following information.

Welcome

Please print. Items marked with an asterisk (*) must be completed.

I wish to identify as being of:
☐ Aboriginal descent  ☐ Torres Strait Islander descent  ☐ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent
☐ I wish to be part of the QTU’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Network

Surname*

Given names*

Title  ☐ Mr  ☐ Ms  ☐ Mrs  ☐ Miss  ☐ Other: ________

Gender:  ☐ female  ☐ male  ☐ other

Date of birth  ☐ -  ☐ -  ☐ -  ☐ -  ☐ -

QTU member number* (employee/payroll number):  ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Our vision

Our vision for reconciliation is for a society that respects, protects and promotes the rights of all, and in which Aboriginal people, Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians live and work together with mutual respect and understanding, free from discrimination and harassment.

As the union for Queensland public school and TAFE teachers and school leaders, we recognise the unique role our schools and educational institutions have in achieving this vision.