Youyoong LAECG

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Dear Aboriginal Community Members and Aboriginal Parents & Carers,

The Youyoong AECG is offering the opportunity for Aboriginal community members and parents/carers to become **Merit Selection Panel Trained**.

This is one way for Aboriginal people to have a say and actively participate in who gets some of the advertised positions within your child’s school. This could be a classroom teacher, an executive member, a principal or a member of the front office staff.

When a position becomes vacant at a school, in most cases, this position is advertised. As with any position there needs to be a panel formed to make a recommendation as to who is most suitable for the position.

The Principal is responsible for forming the selection panel within their school, if the position that is vacant is the Principals than the School Education Director is responsible for forming that selection panel.

Schools with significant Aboriginal enrolments (20 or more students or 20% of their enrolments) or where the position advertised requires an understanding of and sensitivity to the needs of Aboriginal students, the selection panel must include a representative from the Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG).

To be part of these selection panels, all members must be of Aboriginal decent and actively participate in their Local AECG and also be trained in the selection procedures (*Selection Panel Procedures for School Teachers 2009*).

Principals or School Education Directors can deliver this training.

We are lucky enough to have a principal within our area that has offered to deliver this training to our members.

If you are of Aboriginal decent and interested in having a say in your child’s schooling, than this would be a great opportunity.

The training will take just 2 hours, if you are interested please contact me on the details below or inform your Principal.

Yours Sincerely

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