

Aboriginal languages video resource: *Talkin' language*

The video resource *Talkin' language* identifies the issues that have been found to be important in developing and implementing Aboriginal languages programs. It shows how different languages programs operate in different schools and highlights the significance of the local community.

The video captures joint school and community partnerships in four schools which currently conduct Aboriginal languages programs:

- Woodenbong Central School
- Wilcannia Central School
- Bowraville Central School
- Green Hill Public School.

Talkin' language was distributed in Term 3, 1999 to government schools in NSW implementing, and to those considering implementing, Aboriginal languages programs. In 2000, training and development activities will be conducted to assist schools in using the video resource and in the development of languages programs.

The video resource consists of a 30-minute video and an accompanying booklet to assist teachers in gaining knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal languages in NSW. It has been designed to raise awareness in teachers of their role in facilitating Aboriginal languages programs in schools, in consultation with local Aboriginal communities.

The video provides specific examples of languages programs in schools. It examines:

- teaching and learning environments
- teaching strategies and practices
- school and community involvement
- the development of resources
- community viewpoints.

