

# Ten Suggested Approaches to Teaching Indigenous Curriculum

The 10 Approaches suggested here are selected from 15 'research-based exemplars for Indigenous teaching' (available at [www.indigenousteaching.com](http://www.indigenousteaching.com))

On the website, each approach is illustrated with practical exemplars described in teachers' own words.

## Preparing the learning environment

1. Make the classroom a safe environment for learning  
(Understand, anticipate and allay fears)
2. Show confidence in your own expertise, credibility and authority

## In the classroom

3. Negotiate emotions in the classroom
4. Model dialogue by teaching in pairs/collaboratively
5. Get students to question established assumptions and 'facts'

## Learning from experience

6. Build relationships with, and connect students to community  
(Take students to community; Bring community into the classroom)
7. Teach students to 'walk in the shoes of others'
8. Encourage student self-awareness  
(Help students to know themselves and their own values better;  
Require students to reflect on their own learning)

## Learning and working for the future

9. Be open to reflecting, learning and changing as a teacher
10. Be enthusiastic, enjoy your teaching, and have fun!

