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ACT School Wins AEU National Reconciliation Award

The Australian Education Union is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2006 AEU Arthur Hamilton Award for Reconciliation in Education is Narrabundah Primary School, in the ACT.

AEU Federal President, Ms Pat Byrne said today, "We congratulate the dedicated staff of Narrabundah Primary School whose educational practices and programs are underpinned by principles of inclusive education.

"The school engages its small but culturally diverse student population, including an Indigenous enrolment of almost 50%, through best practice programs such as the On Track program, created to support Aboriginal students using a flexible approach to learning.

"The school also runs a Guided Reading program recognising that achievement in literacy is core business and providing relevant and challenging learning opportunities for Aboriginal students.

"Aboriginal culture is celebrated and valued at the school with the Bundah Booris Dance Group providing the welcome dance and performances to visitors to the school.

"The AEU strongly supports Reconciliation between the wider community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. All Australians should know and understand the history and issues which Reconciliation involves," Ms Byrne said.

Established in 1999, the Arthur Hamilton Award for Reconciliation in Education is in recognition of AEU members who actively promote Reconciliation in an educational setting.

The award will be presented at the AEU's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Seminar on 15th January 2007, in Canberra.

The AEU congratulates the Narrabundah Primary School staff, students and community on their success in winning this award.

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