

## **Yolngu Diplomacy – the ancestral and new relationship**



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# First Nations Sovereignty and Diplomacy Centre

First Nations Law, Policy, Culture, Values First

## COLLEGE OF INDIGENOUS FUTURES, EDUCATION AND THE ARTS

Indigenous Futures

Education



Tertiary Enabling Program (TEP)



InSchool education placements



Humanities and Social Sciences



Humanitarian and Disaster Resilience

Creative Industries and Innovation



Research



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Centre

## Aims

First Nations Sovereignty and Diplomacy Centre (FNSDC) is a unique 'dual academy' lead, operated and guided by Indigenous elders in collaboration with non-Indigenous academics within the College of Indigenous Futures, Education & the Arts. FNDC's primary focus is to extend and nurture the network of First Nations sovereign groups in Australian First Nations training, education and research.

FNDC operates with the following three Yolŋu concepts in mind:

**Wata** - *the seasonal winds which explain how each group of Yolŋu recognises its place in the world through understanding the winds and breezes which come to them from other places. It talks about being in place and meeting others through connections among places.*

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**Mulka** - *a space where Yolŋu elders and emerging generations comfortably sit, support each other, and work respectfully with mindful of reciprocal care.*





### Yolŋu levels of qualification

**Njuru – dhawalaŋu (custodian of law)**

**Dämbu-ŋarramirr (supervisor)**

**Ḑalkaramirr/ Djirrikaymirr (carries out ceremonies)**

**Goŋ-gamanuŋkumirr (painter)  
Gumurr-dhukunmirr (carver)  
Goŋ-djekulu (gathering and sharing information)**

**Njuru – dhawalaŋu (leads dancing)**

### Balanda levels of qualification

**Professor**

**Associate Professor**

**Senior Research Fellow**

**Research Fellow**

**Research Associate**



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*Damaṇamayun yuta gurrutu!* – Building new relationship!