



Dear Team

Thursday 13th February marks the 17th anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations by then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. In 2008, Prime Minister Rudd made the formal [apology on behalf of the Federal Government](#), to the Stolen Generations; the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were forcibly removed from their families and communities by successive colonial and Australian governments.

In this landmark speech, the Government called on all Australians to reflect on the past actions that form an important part of our history. The apology included a resolve to embrace new solutions to enduring problems where old approaches had failed, and a future based on mutual respect and mutual responsibility.

National Apology Day is a day of healing and pause to reflect on the Stolen Generations and those who were forcibly removed from their families. It is a time to remember the policies that enabled the forced removal causing immense pain and suffering that is still being experienced by generations.

Together we would like to respectfully acknowledge and pay our deepest respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were subjected to the laws, policies and impacts of the Stolen Generation and those impacted today, including our staff and families with lived experience.

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Metro North Health acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, and pays respect to Elders, past, present and future.