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2012 HSC - Aboriginal Studies

Band 5/6

Sample 1 Question 13(b)

Question 13 - Education Part (b)

Improving Indigenous Education;

- Australian community = Wiradjji region of Cowra, NSW Australia
- International community = Tainui people of the Waiatō region located on the North Island of New Zealand.

Some strategies in improving indigenous education are a lot more successful than others due to a couple of factors; how the strategy is implemented and who implements it in the first place. By having Aboriginal people working on improving education it is far more easier as they are more likely to understand each other.

The Australian community of people (Wiradjji) have implemented a range of strategies in which they have Aboriginal workers assisting in these programs.

- Having Robyn Coffey (local Indigenous woman) as an Aboriginal Attendance Officer - making it easier to communicate with students
- Aboriginal teachers
- Aboriginal aids / in class tutors
- Breakaway program - students are taught skills, given lesson on sex, drugs, alcohol and culture.

All of these programs have been successful in improving Indigenous education standards and are important. Another key for having strategies work is community involvement, it is hard for programs to work / be successful if they

are it back by the local Aboriginal community and having active participation.

The International Indigenous community (Tairui) has also implemented ways of improving Indigenous education including

- Teaching Maori studies at the schools to all students, starting from an early age
- Having schools targeting the ~~Maori~~ Maori students
- Encouraging more Maori people to become Teachers and teach the "Future generations".
- Teaching the Maori language at pre-schools.

The Indigenous people of New Zealand ~~are~~ have also found that having the Indigenous people implement the programs is more successful and more effective in getting the message across to its students.

Meaning programs / strategies have a greater chance of being successful when two things happen

- 1# the community getting involved in the implementation and encouraging the programs
- 2# If it's actually Indigenous people involved with the education being offered.

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