This Regulation is made pursuant to Statute 2.4 – *University Institutes*.

1. There shall be an institute to be known as the National Indigenous Knowledges, Education, Research and Innovation Institute (‘the Institute’).

2. The objects of the Institute are to:
   
   (a) conduct high quality education programs and foster the academic achievement, well-being and advancement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled at Deakin University;
   
   (b) provide a supportive and culturally enriching learning environment for students and staff of the Institute;
   
   (c) provide support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students located in other parts of the University as and when requested;
   
   (d) support the University’s teaching programs through the development and delivery of curriculum, including units and courses relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, knowledge, language and cultures;
   
   (e) support the continued development of Deakin University’s research profile through leadership, mentoring and research training of higher degree by research students;
   
   (f) promote and develop national and international research partnerships;
   
   (g) be a resource to the University in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, knowledge, language and cultures and the advancement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples generally; and
   
   (h) foster the University’s collaboration with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities.

3. In pursuing its objects, the Institute will operate through the Faculty of Arts and Education and consult the faculties and other areas of the University as appropriate.

4. The Institute shall have an advisory board known as the National Indigenous Knowledges, Education, Research and Innovation Institute Advisory Board.

5. The composition, and terms of reference of the National Indigenous Knowledges, Education, Research and Innovation Institute Advisory Board shall be established by the Vice-Chancellor.

6. The National Indigenous Knowledges, Education, Research and Innovation Institute Advisory Board shall meet at least two times in each calendar year.

7. The Vice-Chancellor, after consulting with Elders and/or respected persons in the community, may establish other committees or boards to advise the Institute and the University on issues concerning Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander initiatives, issues and culture as requested. The operating provisions of any committee or board are subject to the approval of the Vice-Chancellor.
8. The Vice-Chancellor shall appoint a Principal Officer of the Institute on such terms and conditions as he or she sees fit.

9. The Council may grant to the Principal Officer the rank and title of Professor.

10. The Principal Officer shall:
    (a) report to the Vice-Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor’s nominee; and
    (b) within three months after 31 December in each year, present to the Institute Advisory Board a report of the activities of the Institute for the preceding 12 months, including a full report on the financial affairs of the Institute, together with any other statements or information required by the Institute Board.

11. The Institute Advisory Board shall consider the report received from the Principal Officer as specified in clause 8(b), and shall:
    (a) submit the report to the Vice-Chancellor and the Executive Dean of Arts and Education as soon as practicable; and
    (b) forward the report to the Academic Board for noting;

together with any comments, as it sees fit.

12. If the Vice-Chancellor concludes that the Institute is not fulfilling its objects or ceases to be aligned with the strategic directions of the University, the Vice-Chancellor may recommend to Council that the Institute be discontinued or may recommend changes to this Regulation.

Approved by Council on 11 December 2008 and incorporating all amendments to 15 March 2018.