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The only thing I'm able to say objectively is that the young Australians that I have taught over the last ten years or so have received very little education about Aborigines in high school or university. This is in contrast to the New Zealand context -- where I have also taught -- where Maori Studies is compulsory in schools.

The level of ignorance and prejudice is heartbreaking. As a (new) Australian, I'm ashamed to acknowledge my responsibility in this communal disgrace. But that's a personal opinion.

I wish you well in your attempts to ameliorate this situation.

Christina