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## **Culturally Responsive Home–School Partnership Strategies**

Summary of Sianturi et al (2025)

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### **Academic Insights**

This study investigates home-school partnerships in Indigenous contexts through a decolonising framework. It finds that historical marginalization and cultural disconnect reduce parental trust and participation in formal schooling systems. However, when schools adopt culturally responsive practices—such as integrating local knowledge, language, and traditions—parental engagement improves significantly.

The study highlights that such approaches enhance both teacher effectiveness and parental agency, leading to better student outcomes, especially in identity formation and engagement. It proposes a framework built on culturally responsive communication, inclusive pedagogy, and empowerment strategies. These elements help bridge the gap between formal education systems and community realities. The research concludes that sustainable partnerships require respect, shared authority, and recognition of diverse cultural perspectives.

### **Apply This Now**

Integrate cultural knowledge into teaching and communication.

### **Add This**

Use culturally relevant examples and invite family contributions.

### **Avoid This Mistake**

Do not ignore cultural identity in learning processes.

### **Keywords**

cultural responsiveness, Indigenous education, partnership, engagement

### **Reference (APA)**

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