WHAT IS BLACK COMMUNITY SCHOOL ALL ABOUT?

You all recognize the need to give our children more than we had and the first thing to give them is an understanding of our own experiences...our lives...so that we can build up respect for each other. We want to teach something of OUR HISTORY. It's ridiculous that many of our kids are still learning that Captain discovered Australia and being asked to respect a system that has tried to destroy us. Our history is rich and dynamic and our children should grow stronger knowing that we were more than "savages" as some history books still portray us. Our culture has much to offer any community and yet our children are being deprived of it. You may say, "but we are living in the city now...what good is it to us?" The fact is that even parents who say this still have many stories that were passed down to them about "Special" people and places and our children have as much right to know as we did. But culture at B.C.S. will be used in a way with pride to teach the children not to laugh at tribal people doing ceremonies etc. but to feel a part of it. Another aspect of B.C.S. is that we want to develop our children's "creative" ability through dance, pottery, weaving, painting, etc. and many programs. As a school they get few opportunities to explore their own abilities and how many and how many of them are natural artists, singers or whatever.