



# Schools rap to close gap

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PEMBROKE College and Marree Aboriginal School are aiming to beat indigenous disadvantage, and they are rapt with the results.

The schools, who share a 15-year partnership, have won a national prize for their creative version of *Hands Across Australia*, the theme song of

GenerationOne, an organisation working to close the gap between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians.

As part of the competition, students were challenged to film their own version of the song, including an original rap, and explain what they would do to address the issue of indigenous disadvantage.

Pembroke and Marree are the national winners from hundreds

of entries, receiving \$25,000 for a community project.

Pembroke and Marree schools spokeswoman Gabrielle Corbett said they were thrilled about receiving the funding.

Sam Croft, 16, from Pembroke, said it was great to be back in Marree making the video and building on friendships. Hakeem Dodd, 15, from Marree Aboriginal School, said he had been rapping for about three years.



**WINNERS:** Sam Croft and Hakeem Dodd played rappers in the film of the song.

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