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3	✓			<p><i>Reliability of information</i></p> <p><i>Is the author of the information identified?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merridy Malin & Debra Maidment <p><i>Does the author of the information have the qualifications or experience to write on this topic?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to the shaded box on the last page titled 'about authors' <p><i>Does the information come from an 'authoritative source'?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Australia Journal of Indigenous Education <p><i>Who published the source?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambridge University Press.

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5	✓	✓	✓	<p>Accuracy of information</p> <p><i>How is the information presented?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information presented as fact is appropriately referenced <p><i>If the information is presented as fact, can it be checked?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete reference list to check referencing. Easy to determine authors' opinions from the literature. <p><i>Is the information biased?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unsure. There is no methodology section or data analyses process.
			✓	<p>Timeliness of information (how recent is the information)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This article draws on information published in the previous 40 years. This is appropriate given the historical account of Indigenous education discussed in this article. <p><i>When was the information published?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This article was published in 2003, there may have been further developments in this field since this time.

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