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Threatened with suspension.

Given detention.

For refusing to stand for the national anthem.

Stand - or leave the building;

her refusal to do either an apology:

I don't sing or stand,

because indigenous culture was here for over

50,000 years

before colonisation.

A peaceful protest,

a gesture on behalf of people who are oppressed

because of their race.

State schools set out clear standards of behaviour

In their Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students!

A lot of kids would want to hide -

but she's willing to make a stand

for something she believes in.



The full text of the article 'A nine-year-old Australian girl is battling her school over the national anthem' by Jill Poulsen and Jackie Sinnerto (2018) can be found [here](#).