



Stage 2 – History

Our Aboriginal Heritage

Girrakool Picnic Area and Bulgandry Art Site Aboriginal Place,
Brisbane Water National Park

Program Overview

Students will discover the traditional lifestyles of the Aboriginal peoples who lived on the Central Coast. They will understand the importance of connection to country through an exploration of Brisbane Water National Park.

Key Questions

1. Who lived here first and how do we know?
2. What was life like for Aboriginal peoples before the arrival of the Europeans?
3. How did Aboriginal people connect to country and place?

Learning Experiences & Content

Historical Inquiry Process

The historical inquiry process will be used by students to understand more about Aboriginal culture and lifestyle. They will explore artefacts such as boomerangs, spears, axe heads and a digging stick. They will investigate aspects of Aboriginal life by using fire sticks and brainstorm reasons why fire would have been important for Aboriginal peoples in traditional culture.

Walk through Brisbane Water National Park

Students will learn about the Aboriginal bush supermarket, and they will see the bush as a resource for food, shelter, weapons and tools. Seasonal changes in availability will be observed and discussed. They will learn about the importance and close connection that Aboriginal peoples had with their environment.

Students will visit an Aboriginal engraving and learn the importance of caring for such sites. The walk also takes us to a small cave, where Aboriginal shelters can be explored.



Bulgandry Aboriginal Engravings

The Bulgandry Art Site Aboriginal Place will be viewed and compared to the engraving site at Girrakool. Students will have their face painted with ochre as a mark of respect to our traditional

landowners. If time allows, students will participate in activities that include an Aboriginal game, and a drawing of the engravings.



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Outcomes

History

- ✿ **HT2-4** describes and explains effects of British colonisation in Australia.
- ✿ **HT2-5** applies skills of historical inquiry and communication.

History Content

Students:

- ✿ investigate, the traditional Aboriginal way of life, focusing on people, their beliefs, food, shelter, tools and weapons, customs and ceremonies, art works, dance, music, and relationship to Country.



This program also supports:

Geography Stage 2 – Outcomes

A student:

- **GE2-1** examines features and characteristics of places and environments.
- **GE2-2** describes the ways people, places and environments interact.
- **GE2-3** examines differing perceptions about the management of places and environments.

Geography Content

Protection of environments

Students:

- ✿ investigate sustainable practices that protect environments, including those of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, for example: (**ACHGK023**, **ACHGK024**, **ACHGK025**)
- ✿ examination of how the practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples support the sustainable use of environments e.g. use of resources.

