



Warrumbungle National Park
Environmental Education Centre



Education

LIVING WORLD

EARLY STAGE 1 AND STAGE 1 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



Students build an understanding of a targeted endangered species, its characteristics, habitat, diet, behaviours, and environmental concerns affecting its survival.

Inquiry and focus questions

1. What are key features of the target species?
2. What are the target species habitat, diet, and notable behaviours?
3. What environmental concerns are affecting target species?
4. What is its significance in Australian Indigenous Culture vs Modern Society?



Program Overview

This program begins building a foundation of literacy and understanding of a target species through object theatre and soundscapes with a focus on vocabulary, and exploration of cause and effect. The lesson uses a range of engagement techniques to deliver hidden repetition aimed at acquisition of targeted vocabulary and environmental concepts.

Follow on work and activities will help develop scientific thinking through creativity, planning, execution, and evaluation.

Learning experiences

Story

Students are engaged in an emotive story about an Australian endangered species delivered through object theatre and soundscapes. The story is tailored to educate students on the target species characteristics, habitat, diet, and human and environmental factors affecting species.

Experience sharing and questioning

Students are given the opportunity to share personal experiences with target species and are questioned on what they recollect from the story and important information is covered in more detail giving depth and repetition to specific vocabulary, species characteristics, habitat, diet, and environmental concerns.

Participation in performance and soundscape

Further repetition and participation is encouraged through students being given the opportunity to perform and conduct improvised retellings of the story with instrumental soundscape.

Outcomes

New Syllabus 2027

STE-SCI-01 identifies and describes characteristics of living things, properties of materials, and movement.
STE-PQU-01 poses questions based on observations to collect data.

Content

The program focuses on living creatures, their characteristics, needs, behaviours, and the environment in which they live as well as the human impact on that environment.