

Aboriginal Australia Tour Summary

Aboriginal Art
Day Activity Only– 1.5 Hours
\$15.00/student
Available from Term 3

This tour focuses on giving students a hands-on experience of Aboriginal art and culture. Students will have the opportunity to examine a variety of different historical and modern artworks by various Aboriginal artists from around Australia. The tour will focus on developing student's appreciation for the cultural diversity that exists in Aboriginal Australia and also appreciate the variations in art forms and use of symbols. Our Aboriginal Centre contains a wide variety of Aboriginal artworks and artefacts to engage students in Aboriginal history and culture.

Students will investigate Aboriginal people's use of natural ochres and identify its use in artworks. Students will have the opportunity to use beautiful natural ochre pigments to develop a better understanding of Aboriginal art and the origins and production of ochre.

All students will complete a small canvas artwork to take home using acrylic and ochre paints.

Stage 2 & Stage 3

Resources and Activities: Student worksheets are available for this tour and educational outcomes are met during the hands-on experience. Activities include recording key terms, recording important symbols and colours, learning the process for making ochre paint, creating meaningful artworks and creating their own artwork using new skills, techniques and knowledge. These tasks will be completed during the tour. Activities focus on the skills component of the NSW curriculum.

Aboriginal Boomerangs: Throw and Design
Day Activity Only – 1.5 Hours
\$15.00/student
Available from Term 3

This tour focuses on giving students a hands-on experience with Aboriginal boomerangs. The tour will begin with a field activity where students learn to throw a returning boomerang. Students will examine many different types of boomerangs and how they were traditionally used by Aboriginal Australians.

Students will return to the Aboriginal Centre to examine a variety of different symbols and artwork from a diverse range of Aboriginal communities around Australia, to inspire the design of their own natural wooden boomerangs.

All students will design and paint their own wooden boomerang to take home using acrylic paints.

Stage 2 & Stage 3

Resources and Activities: Student worksheets are available for this tour and educational outcomes are met during the hands-on experience. Activities include recording key terms, the origin of different boomerangs, recording important symbols and colours, creating meaningful artworks and creating their own artwork using new skills, techniques and knowledge. These tasks will be completed during the tour. Activities focus on the skills component of the NSW curriculum.

Aboriginal Campfire Stories and Music
Night or Day Activity – 1.5 Hours
\$15.00/student
Available now

This tour gives students the unique opportunity to learn to play Aboriginal instruments. Students will be seated around a campfire with an expert musician to learn about the importance of music to Aboriginal people around Australia. Our musician will teach students simple techniques to play the didgeridoo and other Aboriginal instruments including clap sticks. A variety of authentic didgeridoos will be displayed for students to touch and try. The session will focus on teaching an understanding of the importance of some ceremonial practices, cultural customs appropriate to the region, the importance of corroborees, astronomy, navigation, music and traditional instruments.

Students will have the opportunity to listen to a broad range of dreamtime stories including the story of Wahluu (Mount Panorama), the Emu in the Sky and why the platypus is special.

Students will complete three different activities:

- a. Learning to play the didgeridoo, clap sticks and body percussion.
- b. Locating some major constellations relevant to navigation and Aboriginal stories (weather permitting).
- c. Listening to a wide variety of dreamtime stories in a picturesque setting around a campfire.

Stage 2 & Stage 3

Resources and Activities: There are no student worksheets for this activity.