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Aboriginal Culture Excursions



Department of Conservation and Land Management's 2002 ACE Program

Excursions for secondary students studying traditional Aboriginal societies

These excursions provide an opportunity for teachers and students to learn from experienced Aboriginal leaders about traditional Aboriginal culture in the natural environment.

What teachers said about the excursions:

'The structure of the excursion was excellent, relevant to the curriculum and informative'

– Leanne

'Intelligent, sensible and knowledgeable guides. Each helped to bring to life their traditional culture' – Maria

The excursion at a glance

Content: Forest walk and activities exploring traditional use of plants and animals, artefact making, the Dreaming and ceremony all with an emphasis on student participation.

When: Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays

Where: The Hills Forest Discovery Centre, Mundaring

Time: 10am to 2pm

Cost: \$7.70 (inc GST) Student numbers minimum 50, maximum 2 classes



Curriculum Links

This excursion fulfills a number of Learning Area Outcomes.

- **Society and Environment:** Students gain an understanding of Nyoongar culture and Aboriginal lore, use of natural and renewable resources and traditional conservation techniques.
- **Science:** During the artefact making session they explore scientific principles and how to act responsibly. They will develop an understanding of natural and processed materials.
- **LOTE:** Students learn the Nyoongar names of plants, animals, tools and the seasons.
- **Technology and Enterprise:** Students learn skills to create tools from stone, plant resin leaves and fire.

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The development of this program was a joint initiative between the Department of Conservation and Land Management and the Education Department.

