

## THE FIRST AUSTRALIANS

What do we need to survive? A study in the way of life, culture and social organisation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

**Once students have highlighted what is important to a society's survival, they will then rotate in small groups, around five object-driven stations.**

These stations explore the themes of food, shelter, warmth, entertainment, social organisation and kinship, use of the land, trade and communications.

This workshop includes a visual presentation (via touch screens) of objects. (These objects are sensitive to men's/ women's business and hence are not able to be handled.)



### **Target audience:**

Upper primary school: Years 4-7

**Study area:** Indigenous

**Duration:** 3 hours

**Numbers:** Maximum of 65 students

### **Skills developed:**

- Explore what objects tell us about the present and the past (ie the lives of the people who used them)
- Identify similarities and differences between objects, present and past and suggest ideas for their meaning and use
- Pose a range of questions about the people of past societies and make links with present-day ways of life

### **Workshop outcomes:**

- Aboriginal society is diverse in languages, cultures, beliefs and ways of life
- Way of life was purpose driven for survival and social cohesion
- Social organisation in Aboriginal societies was complicated and important

**Cost:** \$500

### **Teacher's note:**

Please note that the provision of two teachers is necessary for the effective delivery of this workshop.